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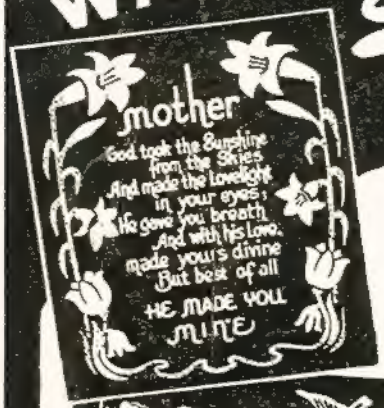

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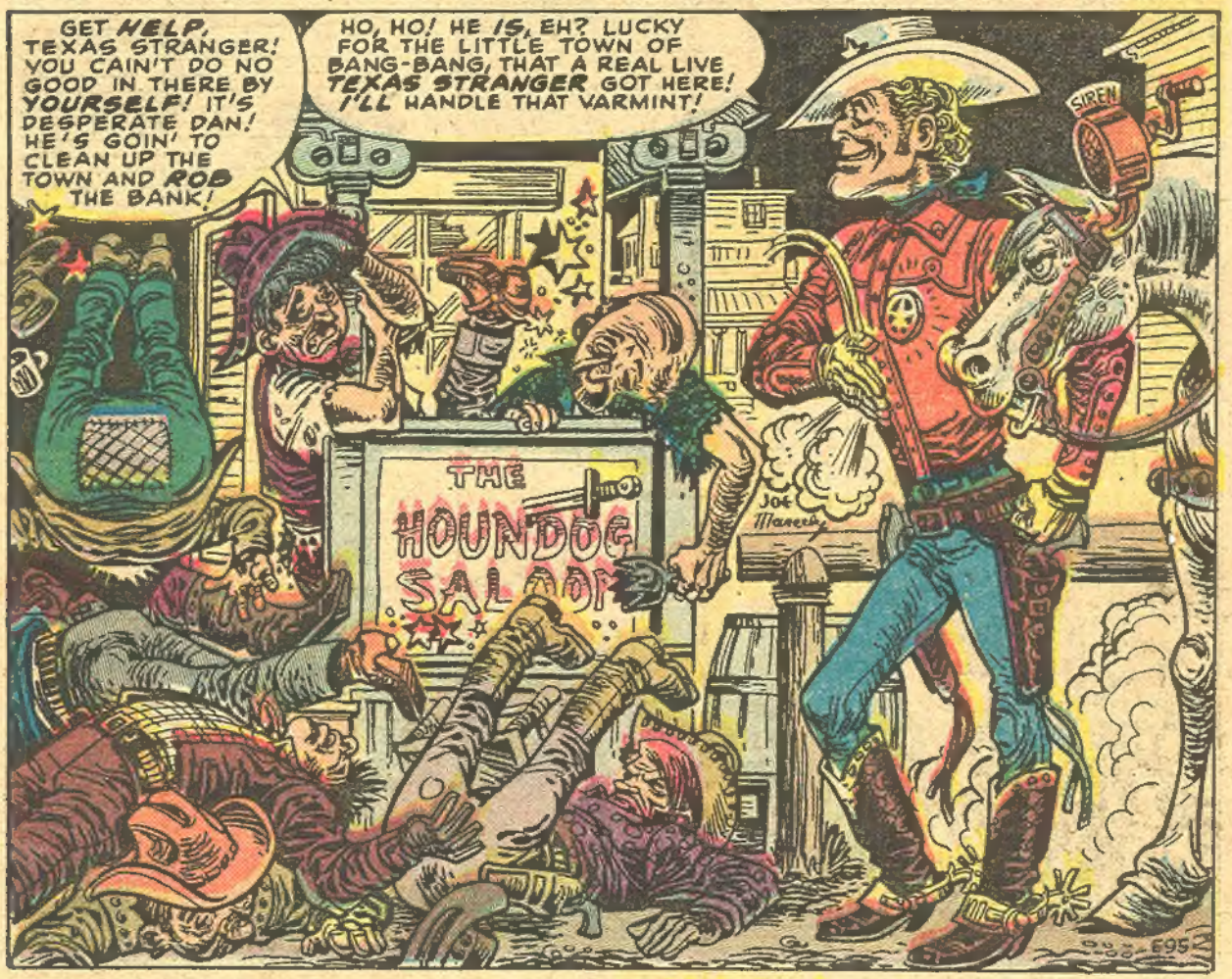
THE TEXAS STRANGERS!

NO NAME SHINES BRIGHTER IN THE GOLDEN WEST...NO NAME STRIKES FEAR INTO THE BLACK HEARTS OF GUNMEN, LIKE THE NAME OF *THE TEXAS STRANGERS!* AND NOW AS WE MOSEY UP TO THE LITTLE TOWN OF BANG-BANG, TEXAS...THERE SEEMS TO BE A BIT OF TROUBLE IN THE LOCAL SALOON...


GET *HELP*, TEXAS STRANGER! YOU CAIN'T DO NO GOOD IN THERE BY *YOURSELF!* IT'S DESPERATE DAN! HE'S GOIN' TO CLEAN UP THE TOWN AND *ROB* THE BANK!
HO, HO! HE *IS*, EH? LUCKY FOR THE LITTLE TOWN OF BANG-BANG, THAT A REAL LIVE *TEXAS STRANGER* GOT HERE! I'LL HANDLE THAT VARMINT!
SIREN
THE HOUNDOG SALOON
Joe Maneely

GO GET 'IM, TEXAS STRANGER!
THOSE TEXAS STRANGERS SURE DO GOT *NERVE!*
THEM TEXAS STRANGERS DON'T KNOW THE MEANIN' OF FEAR!
WHOMP
THUMP

POW
OUCH
UGH!
BAM
THUD
YOWEE! IS THAT OL' TEXAS STRANGER EVER GIVIN' IT TO DESPERATE DAN!
CAIN'T BEAT A TEXAS STRANGER, NO HOW!
HE'LL CHASE THAT DESPERATE DAN PLUMB OUT OF BANG-BANG!

THE WHITE FEATHER!
GULP!
AND A TRUCE FLAG!
I S-SURE FOOLED DESHPERATE DANSH! HE FOUGHT HE HAD ME LICKED! I WASH ONLY PLAYIN' POSSHUM!
SHUCKS! MIGHTY SMART, STRANGER!
YAK
YAK
YAK
BY GUM! EVEN I THOUGHT DESPERATE DAN LICKED THE STRANGER!
TEXAS STRANGERS IS SMART FOLKS! THISAWAY, DESPERATE DAN THINKS HE WON! THEM THAR STRANGERS IS PLUMB CAGEY!
KER-PLA
TEN MINUTES LATER...
LOOK AT THE TEXAS STRANGER DRINK! HE'S SURE TAKIN' A MAN'S DRINK! MUST BE MIGHTY TH'RSTY!
GOWRSH! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO JOIN UP AND BECOME A GENUINE TEXAS STRANGER!
CLUB
I'M GOOFY GUS, STRANGER! I SURE WOULD ADMIRE TO JOIN UP WIF YOU BOYS! HEE HEE...THAT'S SOME OL' TRICK YOU GOT THAR!
BLUB
CLUB
THE GRIM TEXAS STRANGER DIDN'T ANSWER GOOFY GUS! HE REACHED INTO HIS SADDLE BAG FOR HIS SPARE UNIFORM AND PUT IT ON...
GOOFY GUS, EH! LISTEN, GUS, YOU GOTTA BE A MAN TO JOIN UP! WE'S AFTER THE MEANEST CRITTER ALIVE... NAMELY, DESPERATE DAN!
OHHHH, WHAT A PEACHY UNIFORM!
OUTTA MY WAY, FAILURE! HERE COMES COLONEL SQUINT AND MY TROOP! I GOTTA REPORT!
SOB!
SMACK
HUP TWO THREE HUP
CLOP CLOP CLO
OL' COLONEL SQUINT'S GOT BAD EYES, BUT HE SEES ME!
GEE...THEY'S ALL COMIN' UP TO SEE HIM! HE MUST BE A BIG SHOT!
HUP TWO THREE
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
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HALP!
BOY! THEM TEXAS STRANGERS SURE ARE COOL CUSTOMERS!
CLOP CLIPPETY CLOP
BAR
YOU ALL SEE A TEXAS STRANGER, AROUND HERE, BUSTER?
HE'S UNDER FOOT SOMEWHERE, COLONEL SQUINT!
APACHE ARMS
TUMBLE WEED SALOON
COULD I BE A TEXAS STRANGER, COLONEL? I COULD HELP YOU CATCH UP WIF DESPERATE DAN!
YOU ALL BE A TEXAS STRANGER? CHUCKLE! CHORTLE! YOK! YOK!
PAP PAP PAP PAP
SHINE
NO!
BAM
TEXAS STRANGER TEX REPORTIN', SUH!
PHOMP
SOD!
HOWDY, YER LOOKIN' BETTER'N EVER! WHAR'S DESPERATE DAN?
HE'S PLANNIN' ON ROBBIN' TH' BANK! WE GOTTA SET A TRAP FOR HIM!
GOOD BOY, TEX! HMM...WE AIN'T GOT TIME TO BRING UP REINFORCEMENTS! SO WE'LL TRY TO CAPTURE DESPERATE DAN WITH THE FEW MEN ON HAND!
YOU GOT GUTS, COLONEL! UH, COLONEL... THIS IS ME, HERE!
SHREWD COLONEL SQUINT DISGUISED HIS MEN USING ALL THE TRICKS AND SLY RUSES WHICH ONLY TEXAS STRANGERS WOULD DARE TO USE!
ONLY A TEXAS STRANGER COULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THIS DISGUISE!
HEE, HEE! DESPERATE DAN'LL WALK PLUMB INTO MY TRAP!
BANK OF BANG BANG
PLEASE, COLONEL! I COULD HELP CATCH DESPERATE DAN,... JUST MAKE ME A... (SIGH!)... (CHOKE!) TEXAS STRANGER!
TURN AROUND, GOOFY GUS!
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TAKE THAT, VARMINT! FOR IMPERSONATING A GENUINE TEXAS STRANGER!
HARDER, COLONEL! I DESERVE IT!
WHOOSH
BONK
BLONG
THEN, AS THE SECONDS TICKED BY, A SILENCE SO THICK YOU COULD CUT IT, SPREAD OVER THE WAITING STRANGERS ... AND THEN...
I THINK I HEAR THE BIDDLE-UMP OF HORSE'S HOOFS! DESPERATE DAN IS A-COMIN' THIS WAY!
BIDDLE-UMP
BIDDLE-UMP
BIDDLE UMP
HAW! HO! PSHAW! I ONLY HEARD THE BIDDLE-UMP OF A OLD NAG!
YEAH, AIN'T NO DESPERATE DAN ON THAT NAG!
BANK
BAIR
BUT! LITTLE DID COLONEL SQUINT KNOW THAT DESPERATE DAN WAS ALSO ADEPT AT DISGUISES! SUDDENLY...
YANH! YANH! DESPERATE DAN FOOLED YAH!
FIRE AT WILL, MEN!
KA-VOOM
POW
BLAM
GOSH! HE'S A DEAD 'UN! (SNIFFLE!)
I PLUMB FORGOT THAT WE HAD A MAN NAMED WILL!
THAR GOES THE BLASTED, DAD-GUM CRITTER! TO HORSE, MEN! GET DESPERATE DAN!
HA HA HA HA HA
MONEY
DESPERATE DAN
THE FLIES OF TEXAS ARE UPON YOU...RISE UP AND SWAT THEM DOWN...
'TEN-SHUN! THAT'S OUR THEME SONG! DON'T NO ONE CLICK AN EYE-BALL!
MONEY
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THREE MINUTES LATER...
OKAY, MEN... WE PAID OUR RESPECTS LIKE GOOD TEXAS STRANGERS! NOW FOR DESPERATE DAN!
CLOP CLOP CLOP
HEE... HEE... THIS'LL STOP THOSE STUPID STRANGERS!
WWHISH
RAIL ROAD CROSSING
DANGER
DESPERATE DAN
THUMP
DANGER! WARNING! RAILROAD CROSSING! LOOK OUT FOR LOCOMOTIVE! YOK! YOK! WHO EVER HEARD OF A RAILROAD OUT HERE! AIN'T EVEN BEEN INVENTED YET!!
HAW! WHAT A DOPEY TRICK!
RAIL ROAD CROSSING
WHOOOEEEE
KA-LOP
DESPERATE DAN TRICKED US AGAIN! LET'S GET ON BACK TO TOWN, STRANGERS! I GOT SOME HARD THINKIN' TO DO!
WOO WOO
FOR DAYS, COLONEL SQUINT JUST SAT AROUND THINKING... THINKING...
COLONEL, I COULD MAKE YOU LOUSY RICH! ALL I WANNA DO IS MAKE TEXAS STRANGER, FIRST CLASS! HAVE SOME MONEY! WHY CAN'T I BE A STRANGER?
I GOT THINKIN' TO DO, GOOFY! ANYWAY, YOU CAN'T BE A STRANGER, BECAUSE... BECAUSE... YEAH!
BECAUSE YOU'RE DESPERATE DAN!
WHO TOLE YUH?
I FIGURED IT OUT MY OWN SELF! YOU'RE THE ONE CRITTER NOBODY WOULD SUSPECT... SO THAT MAKES ME SUSPECT YA! US TEXAS STRANGERS ARE NEVER WRONG! NOW ADMIT IT... WHO ARE YA REALLY?
I'M REALLY GENERAL SHMENERAL, HEAD OF THE TEXAS STRANGERS! BUT THAT'S O.K., COLONEL... ANYBODY CAN MAKE ONE LITTLE MISTAKE! I ONLY REGRET THAT I'M DYING WITHOUT READING THE BIG NEW ISSUE OF "WILD"!
RAT A TAT TAT
RAT A TAT TAT
WILD
AND SO ENDS ANOTHER EPIC ADVENTURE OF THE TEXAS STRANGERS! THE CASE IS MARKED CLOSED... THE STRANGERS GOT A BONUS... AND DESPERATE DAN? OH, WE'RE SAVIN' HIM IN CASE WE WANNA USE HIM AGAIN SOME TIME!
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MAKE ME A MONSTER

IF you human beings can keep a diary, I guess *I* can too! What's that you say? If *I'm* not a human being, what am I? Why, I'm a *monster,* of course! Naturally that brings up the question, where did I come from? Well, chum, I didn't come from anywhere . . . I was here all the time! Not in my present form, I must admit. Nope, I was around all right, but not all in one piece. My head was in this cemetery, and my arms in that cemetery, and my legs and torso in still another graveyard. Yep, that was me all over!

Well, anyway, this creep . . . he was a scientist and crazy as a bed bug . . . came around on several different nights with a helper who was as batty as he was . . . and dug up the graves in which the different parts of me were buried. Then he got all the different sections of a human body together in his laboratory in an old house on top of a hill. He sewed the different parts together, clamped metal bands on my patched up arms, pulled a lever and millions of volts of electricity ran through my body! Seconds later, I was a living, breathing creature, but certainly not the prettiest thing around! So the professor called me a monster and I guess that's what I am.

Well, as I started to say, I decided one day to keep a diary, just like I saw the professor do in the laboratory. I lived in the lab, never leaving the room, not even to see what the rest of the old house looked like. I did my sleeping on the same operating table on which I was born, if you want to call it that. Anyway, the professor used to keep a record each day of the things he taught me. The prof called his record book a diary on my progress, and so *I* decided I would start to keep a diary too, about what happened to *me* each day, especially the new things I became aware of, the new things I learned, the new things I was able to do on my own.

And so the entries went something like this: June 10th. Today I am a month old. I am big and strong for a creature who has been alive and breathing for only thirty days, but the professor says I am an unusual specimen . . . the first one he ever created successfully. That means there had been other monsters before me, but somehow the prof had not been able to shock them into life . . . *I* was the *first* one.

June 12th. (You see, I skipped a day or more sometimes, if I had nothing interesting to write in my diary.) I began to wonder *why* the professor created me in the first place. I asked the prof about this. I guess I should have kept my big, patched up mouth shut, because the prof got mighty sore about my curiosity and slammed me across the head with a stick! I learned my lesson today for sure! Don't ask the prof questions! Let *him* tell *me* what he wants me to know.

June 15th. The prof seemed to be in a cheerful mood today. He said I was progressing nicely. I have learned to do simple tasks around the lab, such as washing bottles and scrubbing the floors. And I am able to understand almost everything he says to me . . . not, of course, those big scientific words he uses sometimes, but the simple things. And I can answer certain questions when he asks me . . . I can add simple figures, and I can answer the questions he asks me about history subjects which he teaches me for an hour every morning. Yes, I'm getting real smart, the prof says, and he's proud of me.

June 20th. This morning I began to notice that I was getting weaker by the hour. My limbs didn't seem to work as they used to . . . and my brain didn't absorb what the professor was trying to cram into my mind. I stood in front of the prof with my eyes staring and my mouth speechless. At last the prof took my pulse and felt the pulse barely throbbing. Something was wrong, that's for sure! And then the prof realized what was happening. The first high voltage shock he had given me on the day I was created was wearing out! Only one thing to do, so he strapped me to the operating table again, applied the metal clamps and threw a million-volt shock into me for the second time. It was what I needed all right, because I snapped out of my lethargy in a

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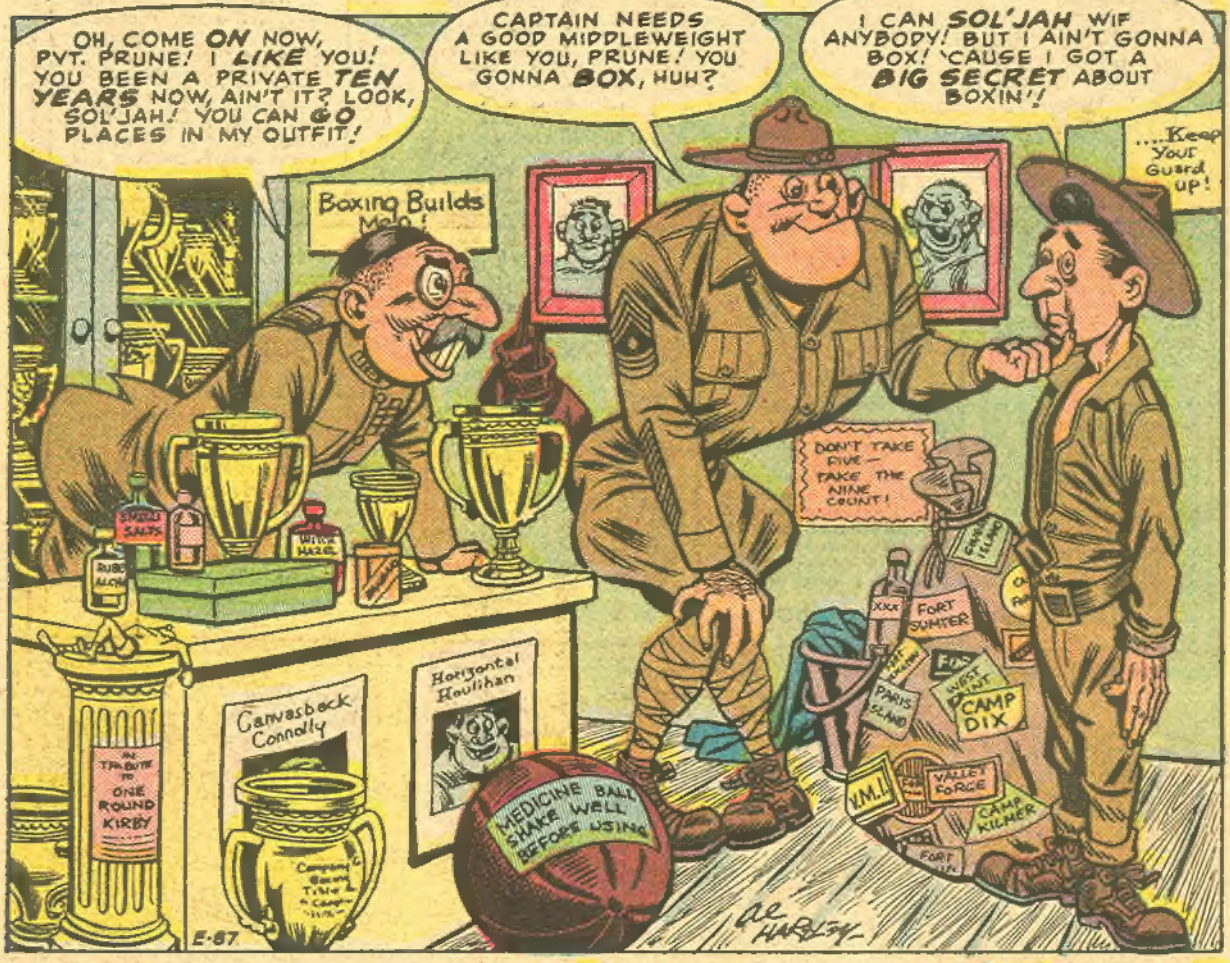
PVT. STEWED PRUNE, SOLDIER! HE LOVED THE GOOD OL' ARMY! BUT HE ALSO WAS A BOXER, AND HIS CAPTAIN AT SCHNOE FIELD BARRACKS WANTED HIM TO BOX! BUT HE DIDN'T WANT TO BOX! BUT HIS CAPTAIN *DID*... AND THERE WERE NO BUTS ABOUT IT!

FROM HERE TO THERE


OH, COME ON NOW, PVT. PRUNE! I LIKE YOU! YOU BEEN A PRIVATE TEN YEARS NOW, AIN'T IT? LOOK, SOL'JAH! YOU CAN GO PLACES IN MY OUTFIT!
CAPTAIN NEEDS A GOOD MIDDLEWEIGHT LIKE YOU, PRUNE! YOU GONNA BOX, HUH?
I CAN SOL'JAH WIF ANYBODY! BUT I AIN'T GONNA BOX! 'CAUSE I GOT A BIG SECRET ABOUT BOXIN'!
...Keep Your Guard up!
Boxing Builds Muscle!
DON'T TAKE FIVE— TAKE THE NINE COUNT!
Canvasback Connolly
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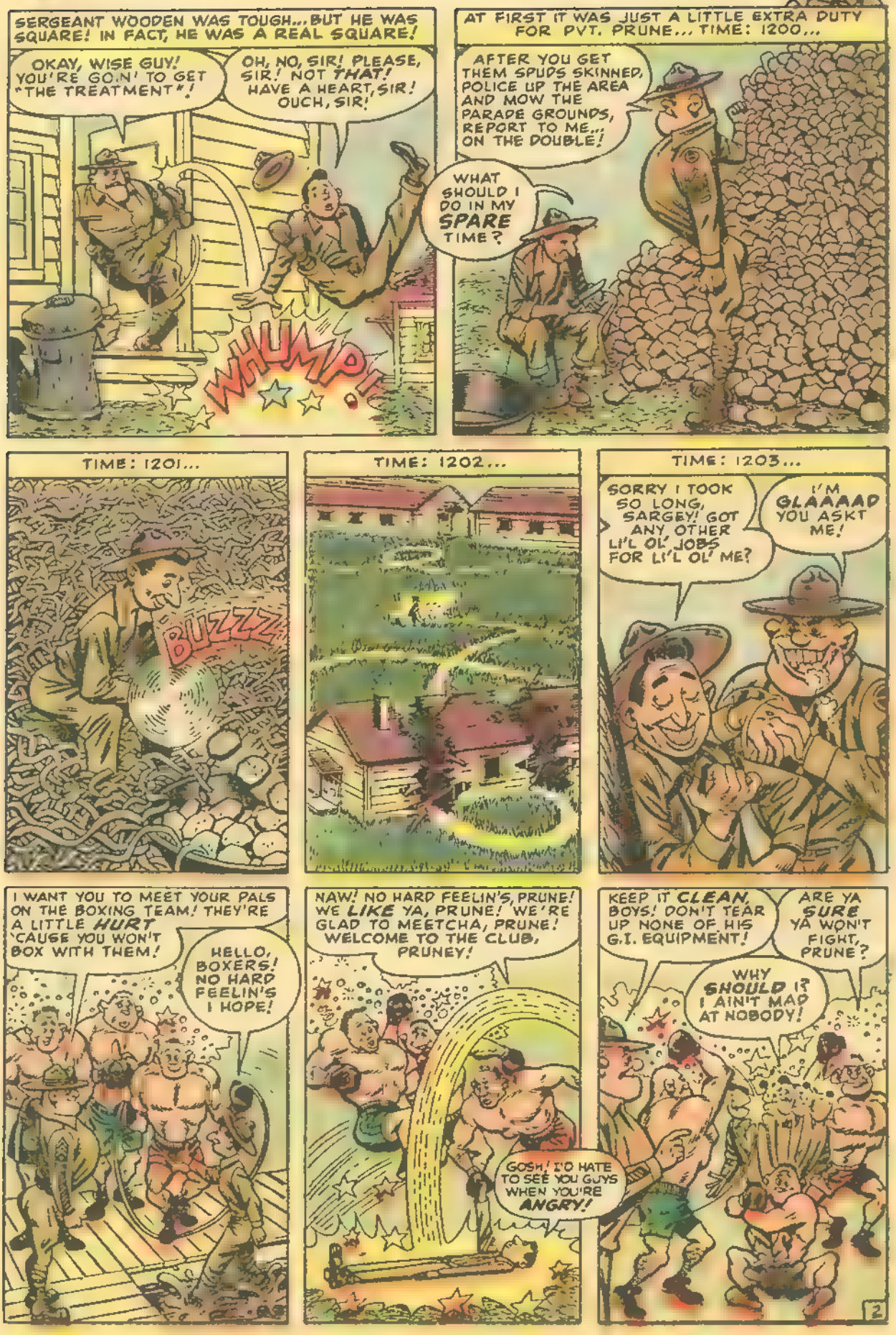
LOOK, PRUNE! THERE GOES TWO OF MY MEN OVER TO THE GYM TO TRAIN! THEY WERE PRIVATES WHEN THEY CAME INTO MY COMPAHY!
I GOT MUH REASONS, CAPTAIN! I AIN'T GONNA BOX!
READY GEN'RUL?
LET'S GO, GEN'RUL!
TO THE GYM

I'M NOT GOING TO FORCE YOU, PRUNE! IT'S PERFECTLY OKAY WITH ME IF YOU DON'T WANNA BOX! JUST DON'T GET IN NO TROUBLE, DOGFACE!
LEGGO, PWEASE! I CAN'T BWEAVE!


SERGEANT WOODEN WAS TOUGH... BUT HE WAS SQUARE! IN FACT, HE WAS A REAL SQUARE!
OKAY, WISE GUY! YOU'RE GO.N' TO GET "THE TREATMENT"!
OH, NO, SIR! PLEASE, SIR! NOT THAT! HAVE A HEART, SIR! OUCH, SIR!
WHUMP!
AT FIRST IT WAS JUST A LITTLE EXTRA DUTY FOR PVT. PRUNE... TIME: 1200...
AFTER YOU GET THEM SPUDS SKINNED, POLICE UP THE AREA AND MOW THE PARADE GROUNDS, REPORT TO ME... ON THE DOUBLE!
WHAT SHOULD I DO IN MY SPARE TIME?
TIME: 1201...
BUZZZ
TIME: 1202...
TIME: 1203...
SORRY I TOOK SO LONG, SARGEY! GOT ANY OTHER LI'L OL' JOBS FOR LI'L OL' ME?
I'M GLAAAAD YOU ASKT ME!
I WANT YOU TO MEET YOUR PALS ON THE BOXING TEAM! THEY'RE A LITTLE HURT 'CAUSE YOU WON'T BOX WITH THEM!
HELLO, BOXERS! NO HARD FEELIN'S I HOPE!
NAW! NO HARD FEELIN'S, PRUNE! WE LIKE YA, PRUNE! WE'RE GLAD TO MEETCHA, PRUNE! WELCOME TO THE CLUB, PRUNEY!
GOSH, I'D HATE TO SEE YOU GUYS WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY!
KEEP IT CLEAN, BOYS! DON'T TEAR UP NONE OF HIS G.I. EQUIPMENT!
ARE YA SURE YA WON'T FIGHT, PRUNE?
WHY SHOULD I? I AIN'T MAD AT NOBODY!
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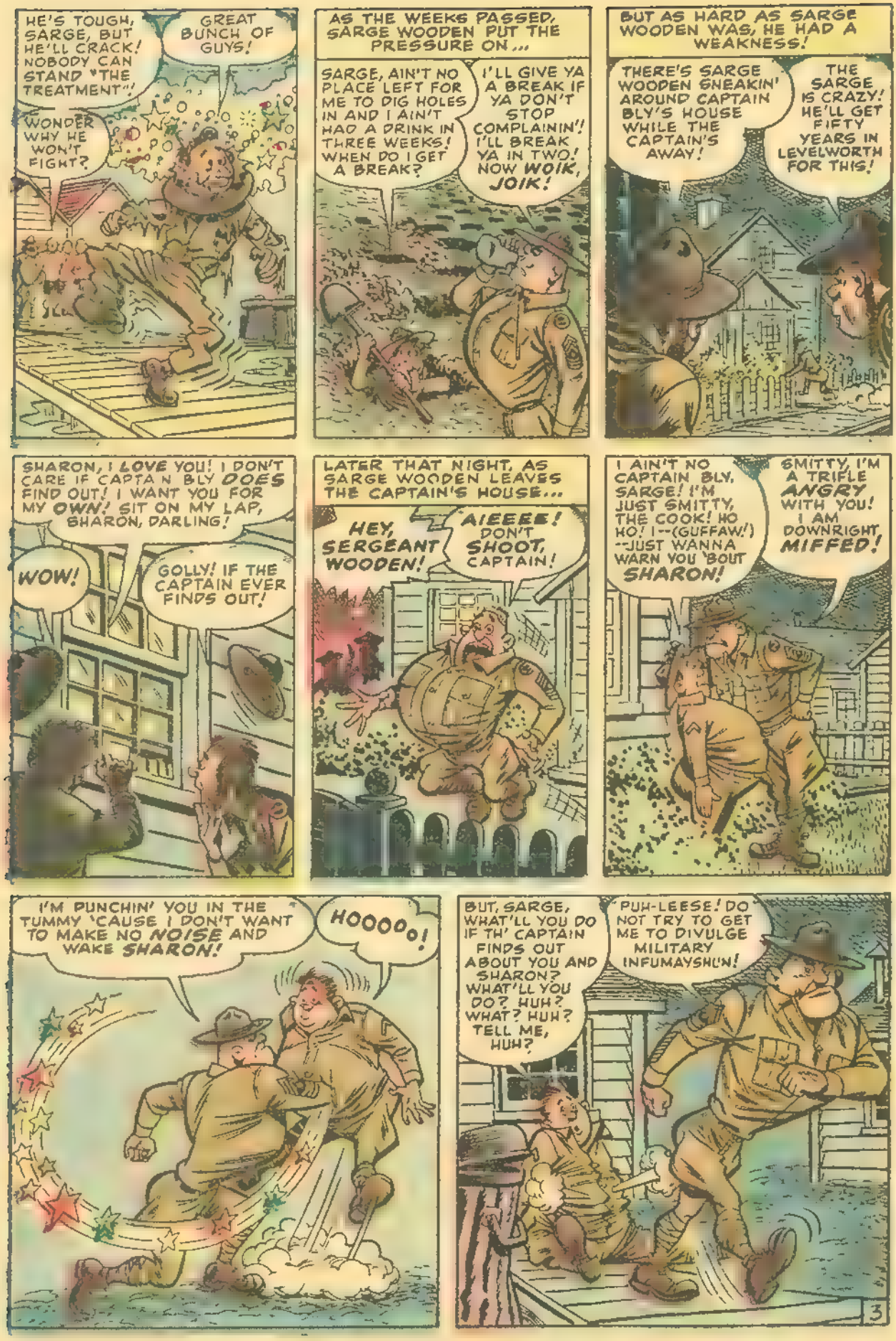
HE'S TOUGH, SARGE, BUT HE'LL CRACK! NOBODY CAN STAND "THE TREATMENT"!
GREAT BUNCH OF GUYS!
WONDER WHY HE WON'T FIGHT?
AS THE WEEKS PASSED, SARGE WOODEN PUT THE PRESSURE ON...
SARGE, AIN'T NO PLACE LEFT FOR ME TO DIG HOLES IN AND I AIN'T HAD A DRINK IN THREE WEEKS! WHEN DO I GET A BREAK?
I'LL GIVE YA A BREAK IF YA DON'T STOP COMPLAININ'! I'LL BREAK YA IN TWO! NOW WOIK, JOIK!
BUT AS HARD AS SARGE WOODEN WAS, HE HAD A WEAKNESS!
THERE'S SARGE WOODEN SNEAKIN' AROUND CAPTAIN BLY'S HOUSE WHILE THE CAPTAIN'S AWAY!
THE SARGE IS CRAZY! HE'LL GET FIFTY YEARS IN LEVELWORTH FOR THIS!
SHARON, I LOVE YOU! I DON'T CARE IF CAPTAIN BLY DOES FIND OUT! I WANT YOU FOR MY OWN! SIT ON MY LAP, SHARON, DARLING!
WOW!
GOLLY! IF THE CAPTAIN EVER FINDS OUT!
LATER THAT NIGHT, AS SARGE WOODEN LEAVES THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE...
HEY, SERGEANT WOODEN!
AIEEEE! DON'T SHOOT, CAPTAIN!
I AIN'T NO CAPTAIN BLY, SARGE! I'M JUST SMITTY, THE COOK! HO HO! I--(GUFFAW!) --JUST WANNA WARN YOU 'BOUT SHARON!
SMITTY, I'M A TRIFLE ANGRY WITH YOU! I AM DOWNRIGHT MIFFED!
I'M PUNCHIN' YOU IN THE TUMMY 'CAUSE I DON'T WANT TO MAKE NO NOISE AND WAKE SHARON!
HOOOOo!
BUT, SARGE, WHAT'LL YOU DO IF TH' CAPTAIN FINDS OUT ABOUT YOU AND SHARON? WHAT'LL YOU DO? HUH? WHAT? HUH? TELL ME, HUH?
PUH-LEESE! DO NOT TRY TO GET ME TO DIVULGE MILITARY INFUMAYSHUN!
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SARGE WOODEN WAS MADLY IN LOVE WITH SHARON!.. ALL HE COULD THINK ABOUT WAS SHARON... SHARON... IT KEPT POUNDING AND BEATING INTO HIS OLIVE-DRAB BRAIN! AND THEN...
HALT! SAY THE PASSWORD OR I'LL SHOOT!
YER GUN'S EMPTY, JOIK!
THAT'S THE PASSWORD!
CRASH!
I'M PVT. PRUNE, SARGE! YOU PUT ME ON GUARD DUTY SIX WEEKS AGO AND YOU FORGOT TO SEND SOMEBODY TO RELIEVE ME!
DEAR ME! I'M GETTING SO ABSENT-MINDED! (CHUCKLE-CHORTLE!)
TWO DAYS LATER... THE BOXING TOURNAMENT WAS ONLY ONE DAY AWAY AND SGT. WOODEN MADE HIS MOVE...
HEY, PRUNE! YER SUPPOSED TO BE ON GUARD DUTY! YER A.W.O.L.! FALL IN!
YA CAN'T SCARE ME! I GOT A PASS! SEE? A PRETTY LI'L PINK PASS!
IF HE FELL IN ANY FURTHER HE'D BE GONE!
YOU HAD A PASS, BOY! YOU ARE NOW A CRIMINAL!
WATCH OUT, GUYS! THERE'S SPLINTERS IN THIS LI'L OL' FLOOR!
AT LAST CAPTAIN BLY HAD A PLAN TO MAKE PRIVATE PRUNE FIGHT! NOW WATCH THE PLOT ~~SICKEN~~ THICKEN...
I BELIEVE THIS IS YOUR CANTEEN, PRUNE!
(SOB!) YES, THAT'S MY BEST CANTEEN!
CAP'N BLY GREAT GUY
I UNDERSTAND YOU PLAY QUITE A CANTEEN, PRUNE! NOW IS YOU GONNA TELL THE OL' MAN WHY YOU WON'T FIGHT?
NO! IT'S A OL' SECRET! BUT DON'T HURT MY ITTY BITTY CANTEEN! I GOT IT ALL SHAPED UP TO MY LIP!
SORRY, PRUNE! I'M GONNA SMASH THIS OL' CANTEEN! TEACH YOU A BIG LESSON!
AIN'T NOBODY GONNA HOIT MY CANTEEN! IT'S MUH BEST FRIEND!
I AIN'T GONNA FIGHT AND NOBODY CAN MAKE ME!
BANG
RAP
WHAM
SOCK
WHACK
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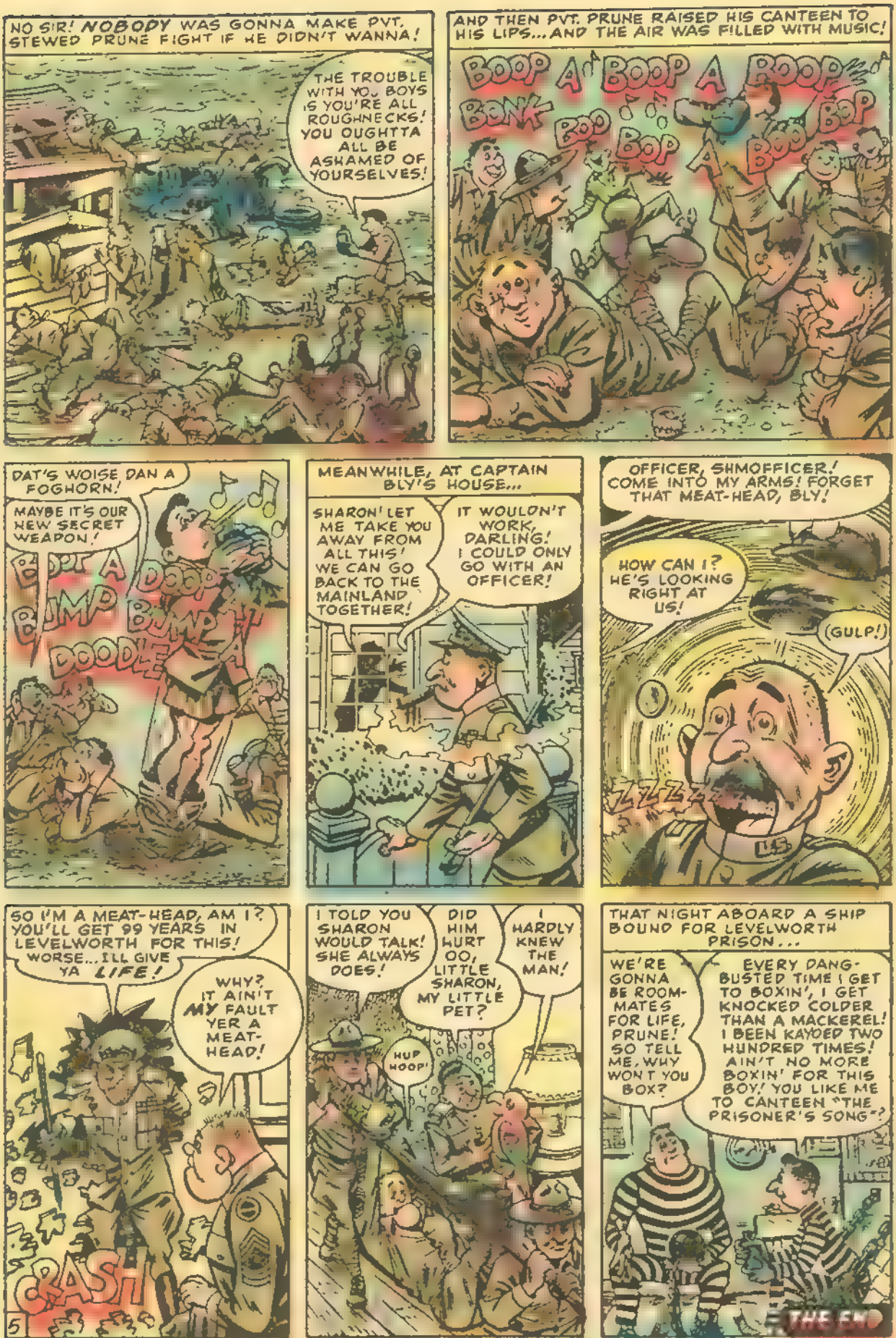
NO SIR! NOBODY WAS GONNA MAKE PVT. STEWED PRUNE FIGHT IF HE DIDN'T WANNA!
THE TROUBLE WITH YOU BOYS IS YOU'RE ALL ROUGHNECKS! YOU OUGHTTA ALL BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES!
AND THEN PVT. PRUNE RAISED HIS CANTEEN TO HIS LIPS... AND THE AIR WAS FILLED WITH MUSIC!
BOOP A BOOP A BOOP
BONK
BOP BOP
A BOOP BOP
DAT'S WOISE DAN A FOGHORN!
MAYBE IT'S OUR NEW SECRET WEAPON!
BOP A DOOP
BUMP BUMP
DOODLE
MEANWHILE, AT CAPTAIN BLY'S HOUSE...
SHARON! LET ME TAKE YOU AWAY FROM ALL THIS! WE CAN GO BACK TO THE MAINLAND TOGETHER!
IT WOULDN'T WORK, DARLING! I COULD ONLY GO WITH AN OFFICER!
OFFICER, SHMOFFICER! COME INTO MY ARMS! FORGET THAT MEAT-HEAD, BLY!
HOW CAN I? HE'S LOOKING RIGHT AT US!
(GULP!)
ZZZZ
SO I'M A MEAT-HEAD, AM I? YOU'LL GET 99 YEARS IN LEVELWORTH FOR THIS!
WORSE... I'LL GIVE YA LIFE!
WHY? IT AIN'T MY FAULT YER A MEAT-HEAD!
CRASH
5
I TOLD YOU SHARON WOULD TALK! SHE ALWAYS DOES!
DID HIM HURT OO, LITTLE SHARON, MY LITTLE PET?
I HARDLY KNEW THE MAN!
HUP HOOP!
THAT NIGHT ABOARD A SHIP BOUND FOR LEVELWORTH PRISON...
WE'RE GONNA BE ROOM-MATES FOR LIFE, PRUNE! SO TELL ME, WHY WON'T YOU BOX?
EVERY DANG-BUSTED TIME I GET TO BOXIN', I GET KNOCKED COLDER THAN A MACKEREL! I BEEN KAYOED TWO HUNDRED TIMES! AIN'T NO MORE BOXIN' FOR THIS BOY! YOU LIKE ME TO CANTEEN "THE PRISONER'S SONG"?
THE END

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minute! I was my old normal monster self again!

June 22nd. The lessons are continuing, and the prof says I am smarter now after the second electric shock than I was before. I was getting real smart all right, because I was now able to read books by myself, and the prof didn't have to teach me any more I was doing my own lessons by myself now. I read every book he put into my hands, and I understood every word. I like reading now, and when I finished the book the prof gave me, I took another one off the shelf when the prof was out of the lab, and I understood everything that book had to say. It was about science and chemistry, and I tell you, chum, *that* stuff can be difficult even for a normal human being to understand. But *I* understood every bit of it. Oh, I was getting real smart all right!

June 25th. The prof and his helper had a habit of locking the door of the lab when they left the room. But this morning, the prof left to go into town and his helper went home to visit his folks and the guy forgot to lock the door. So, being left alone, I walked to the door and walked out of the lab. I walked along a corridor and came to another door. I opened that door and walked outside into the back yard. What a revelation! Trees, birds flying overhead, soft earth to walk on. Now *this* world was more like it! Somewhere in the deep recesses of the brain which had once belonged to a living human being, came a remembrance of a former life, when my brain's original owner had lived among normal human beings and enjoyed the fresh air and green grass and leafy trees. This was much better than a cold lab with nothing but tubes and bubbling mixtures for company! I returned to the lab, with my mind made up that I would talk to the prof and ask for freedom to move around outside the house as often as I pleased.

June 26th. Me and my big mouth! Yep, I was getting smarter all right, but the thing I *hadn't* learned yet was to keep my big mouth shut! When I told the prof about my walk outside yesterday,

he got real mad! He grabbed that big stick of his and pounded me on the head. "You will *never* leave this laboratory, do you understand? I created you here, and I will *destroy* you here!" Then he made me scrub the floors for the second time that day. Like I said, I was getting real smart and could figure things out pretty good now. The prof intended to use me as a slave, that's all! He knew he had done something criminal in digging up graves, just to create a dumb monster who would obey every command he uttered. But here's one monster who isn't so dumb, chum! Tonight, I'll make plans!

June 27th. This is the last entry I will ever make in my diary. I did a lot of thinking last night after the prof and his helper left. I came to the conclusion that I wouldn't like to be a dumb monster slave just so long as the prof chose to keep me alive. After all, he could destroy me whenever he wished to . . . he had all kinds of chemicals in the lab that would do the trick. So I thought it all over, and decided there was but one thing left for me to do . . . become master of the old house and the yard and all the nice green things myself! I had learned a lot by reading the prof's books, and I knew what I had to do. I would create a monster just as the prof had done! And the monster would obey *me!* So already I've started to make my monster.

I disposed of that pesky prof one . . . two . . . and his helper three . . . four! Four whacks, and I had me a head plus arms and legs for my very own monster! Now all I need is a torso to sew the head and the limbs to. Then a job with the high voltage thing. Maybe tonight, I'll pay a visit to the graveyard, one of those places where part of *me* came from. There must be a nice, fresh corpse laying around somewhere . . . if the prof could find some, I guess *I* can too! Didn't I say I was getting real smart from all that book reading? Guess the old prof was *too good* a teacher! So I must close my diary now. I gotta finish this job of making me a monster for my very own!

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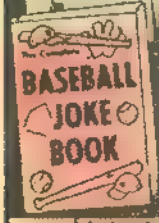

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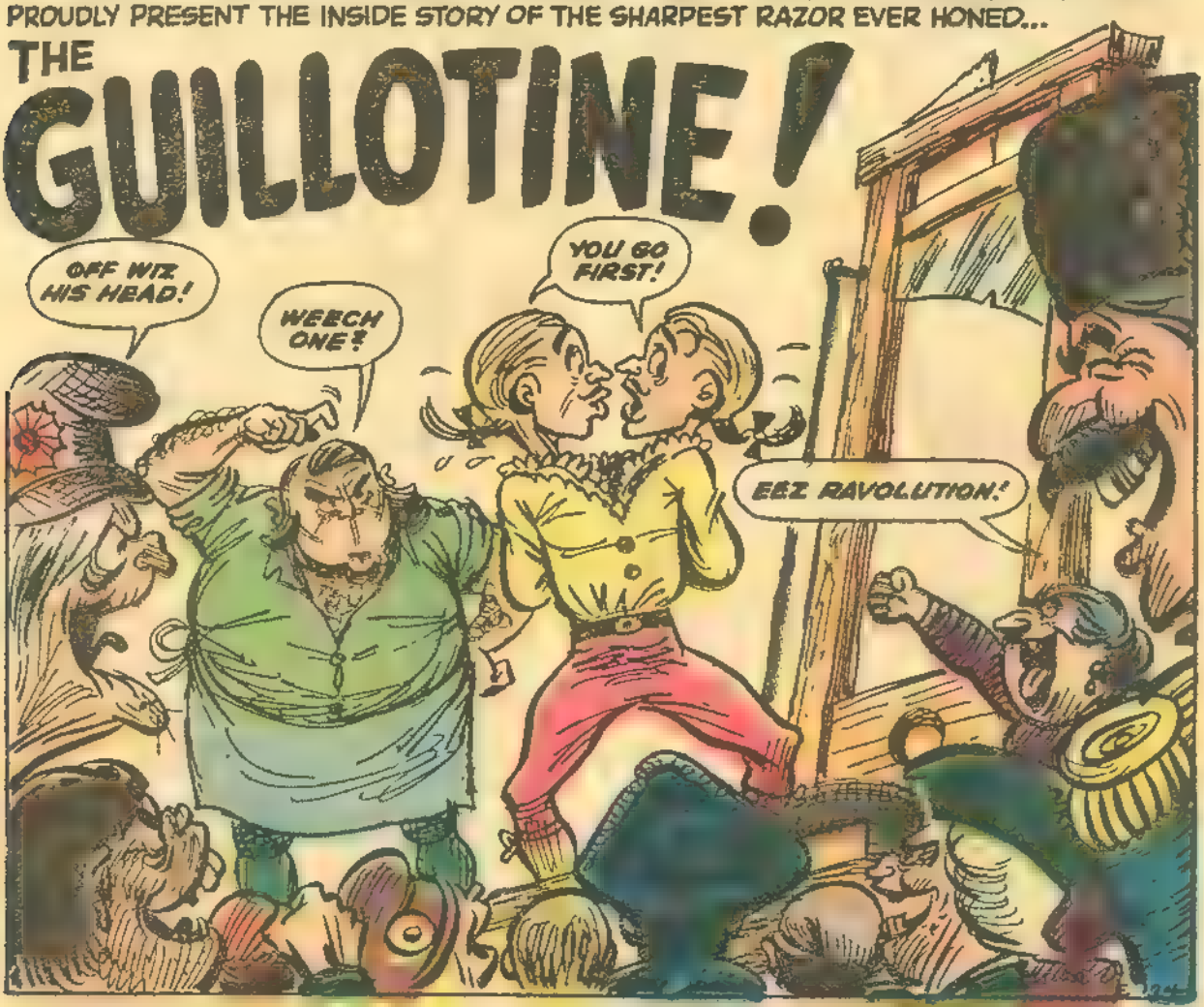

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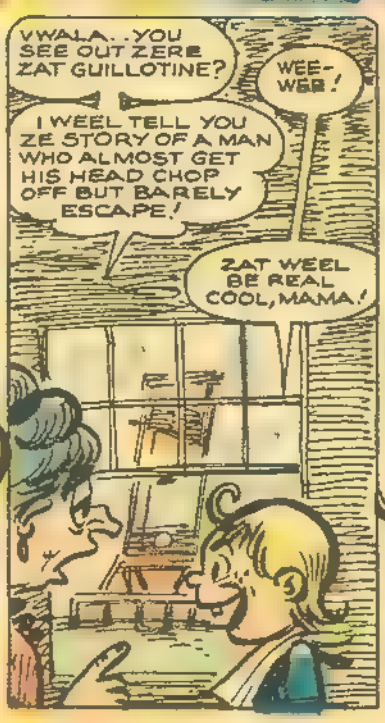
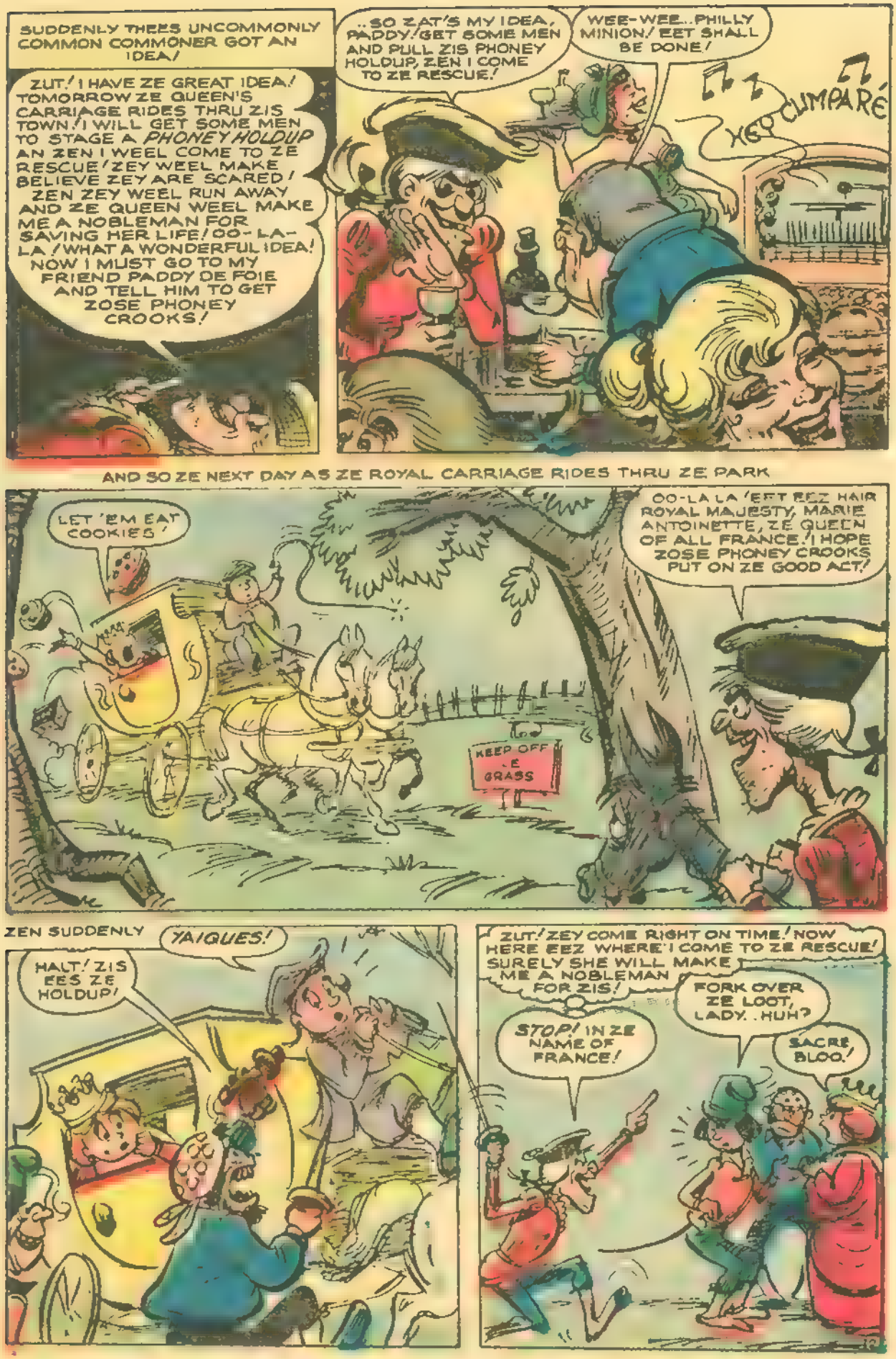

VWALA.. YOU SEE OUT ZERE ZAT GUILLOTINE?
WEE-WEE!
I WEEL TELL YOU ZE STORY OF A MAN WHO ALMOST GET HIS HEAD CHOP OFF BUT BARELY ESCAPE!
ZAT WEEL BE REAL COOL, MAMA!

ONCE UPON ZE TIME ZERE WAS A REAL NO GOOD BUM WHO ALWAYS WANT TO BE A NOBLE-MAN. HEEZ NAME WAS PHILLY MINION...

OO-LA-LA! NOW I AM NUSSING BUT A NO GOOD BUM! BUT SOME DAY I WILL BE A NOBLEMAN IN ZE KING'S COURT!
WANTED FOR BEING ZE NO-GOOD BUM
PHILLY MINION


SUDDENLY THEES UNCOMMONLY COMMON COMMONER GOT AN IDEA!
ZUT! I HAVE ZE GREAT IDEA! TOMORROW ZE QUEEN'S CARRIAGE RIDES THRU ZIS TOWN! I WILL GET SOME MEN TO STAGE A PHONEY HOLDUP AN ZEN I WEEL COME TO ZE RESCUE! ZEY WEEL BELIEVE ZEY ARE SCARED! ZEN ZEY WEEL RUN AWAY AND ZE QUEEN WEEL MAKE ME A NOBLEMAN FOR SAVING HER LIFE! OO-LA-LA! WHAT A WONDERFUL IDEA! NOW I MUST GO TO MY FRIEND PADDY DE FOIE AND TELL HIM TO GET ZOSE PHONEY CROOKS!
..SO ZAT'S MY IDEA, PADDY! GET SOME MEN AND PULL ZIS PHONEY HOLDUP, ZEN I COME TO ZE RESCUE!
WEE-WEE...PHILLY MINION! EET SHALL BE DONE!
CHER CUMPARÉ
AND SO ZE NEXT DAY AS ZE ROYAL CARRIAGE RIDES THRU ZE PARK
LET 'EM EAT COOKIES!
OO-LA LA 'EFT EEZ HAIR ROYAL MAJESTY, MARIE ANTOINETTE, ZE QUEEN OF ALL FRANCE! I HOPE ZOSE PHONEY CROOKS PUT ON ZE GOOD ACT!
KEEP OFF E GRASS
ZEN SUDDENLY
YAIQUES!
HALT! ZIS EES ZE HOLDUP!
ZUT! ZEY COME RIGHT ON TIME! NOW HERE EEZ WHERE I COME TO ZE RESCUE! SURELY SHE WILL MAKE ME A NOBLEMAN FOR ZIS!
STOP! IN ZE NAME OF FRANCE!
FORK OVER ZE LOOT, LADY. HUH?
SACRE BLOO!

DON'T WORRY, YOUR MAJESTY -I, PHILLY MINION, WEEL SAVE YOU!
ZAT WHAT YOU THEENK, WISE GUY!
THIS WOULD LOOK TERRIFIC EEN TECHNICOLOR!
TOOT SWIT!
KLINK
KLINK
NICE FAKING, BOY! VAIR GOOD!
KLINK
WHO'S FAKING?
AWRIGHT, AWREADY! TIME YOU GAT SCARED AN' RUN AWAY!
WHO SCARED? WHAT YOU TALK ABOUT?
YOU MEAN YOU FOR REAL?
ZAT RIGHT, BEEG BOY. AN' I GOING SLICE YOU LIKE LEEVAIRWURST!
HALP
ZE QUEEN, SHE EEZ ESCAPE!
WAL, WHAT WE DO NOW?
I CAN'T WAIT ALL DAY FOR ZEE RESULT! I'LL READ ABOUT IT IN ZEE PAY-PEARS!
WAL-I GUESS NUSSING LEFT TO DO BUT ROB ZAT DOPE UP ZERE? NO?
AN' SO AN HOUR LATER...
HEY! PHILLY MINION! VWALA! I BREENG ZE PHONEY CROOKS! WHERE ZE QUEEN?
SHE WENT ZAT-A-WAY, YOU DOPE! YOU COME TOO LATE! SHE ESCAPE BY HAIRSELF!
YOU HAVE GOOF!

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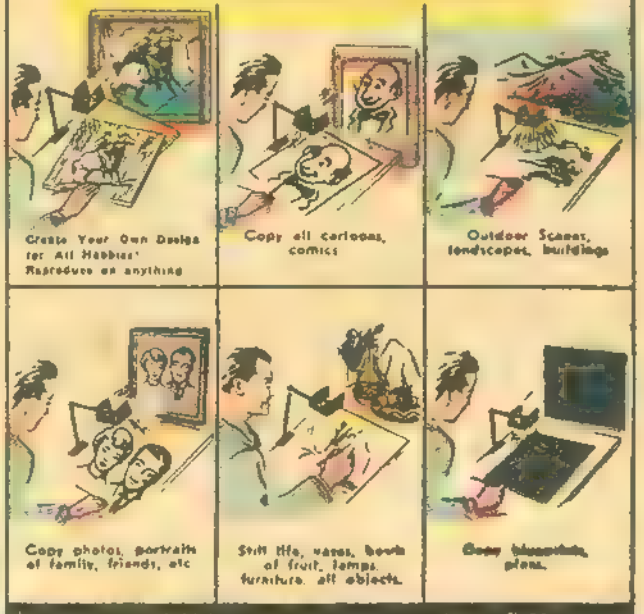
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AN' SO PHILLY MINION.. ZAT NO GOOD BUM WAS STILL NO NOBLEMAN.' HEEZ PLAN FAIL, BUT HE NEVAIR GEEV OP' HE STILL WANT TO BE NOBLEMAN. SO ONE DAY..

SAY, PADDY DE FOIE-WHO ZAT MAN OVER ZERE?

ZUT' ZAT EES *ROBESPIERRE!* WORST ENEMY OF ZE KING AN' QUEEN.' YOU GAT REED OF *HEEM*, ZEY *SURE* TO MAKE YOU NOBLE'

TOUCHÉ, ROBESPIERRE!

TOUCHÉ, PHILLY MINION- YOU NO GOOD BUM!

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JUS' ZEN ZE QUEEN'S CARRIAGE COME BY.'

LOOK, YOUR MAJESTIES.' I HAVE DEFEAT YOUR WORST ENEMY' NOW YOU MAKE ME NOBLEMAN?

WEE-WEE' HUP ON ZE ROYAL CARRIAGE.' I HEREBY DUB YOU KNIGHT OF ZE ROYAL COURT'

HOOT MON.' AT *LAST* I AM ZE *NOBLE*' RIDING IN SAME CARRIAGE WIZ ZE KEENG AN' QUEEN.' WHERE WE GOING, KEENG?

TO ZE *GUILLOTINE*, B.G BOY' TODAY ZEY MAKE WAN BEEG REVOLUTION AND *CHOP OFF HEADS OF ALL NOBLES.'*

LET ZEM EAT CAKE'

I GUESS YOU LOST YOUR HEAD'

...WELL, MY CHILE, JUS' LIKE SHE SAY IN ZE HEESTORY BOOK, ZEY CHOP OFF ZE HEAD OF ZE KING AN ZE QUEEN OF FRANCE.' ZEY ALSO TRY TO CHOP OFF ZE HEAD OF PHILLY MINION BUT HE SUCH A ROUGH-NECK ZAT HE *BREAK* ZE BLADE OF ZE GUILLOTINE' HE HAVE ZE *SCAR* TO ZIS DAY WHERE ZE BLADE HEET HEEZ NECK.' WAL, I TOL YOU ZE STORY...NOW WEEL YOU EET YOU DINNAIR, PIERRE?

NO' I WANT ZE COW-BOY STORY.'

HOKAY.' HERE COME YOU DADDY.' *HE* MAKE YOU EAT.' HEY, HUSBIN'-ZIS STUPIDE CHILE WEEL NOT EAT HEEZ DINNAIR.'

AW DON' BOTHAIR ME, WIFE..

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YOU GEEV ME WAN BEEG *PAIN IN ZE NECK!*

YOU NO GOOD BUM!

VOILA' LE CRAYON EST SUR LA TABLE PAR CE QUE OUVREZ LA FENÊTRE ET JE T'ADORE LA QUEST-CE QUE-C'EST? *

THE END

* THE KID JUST SAID (IN PERFECT SPANISH) THAT HE'S GOT NO MORE TIME TO WASTE HERE BECAUSE HE WANTS TO RUN AND BUY "CRAZY" BEFORE IT'S ALL SOLD OUT!

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ALI BARBER WAS JUST A POOR PERSIAN WOODCUTTER! GEE, WAS HE POOR! HE COULD ONLY AFFORD ONE SLAVE, NAMED *MUSH* 'CAUSE HE DIDN'T HAVE LOTS OF MONEY LIKE HIS RICH BROTHER, RAGS BARBER, WHO WAS A RUG CUTTER! ALL ALI DID WAS CUT WOOD! THAT'S WHY HE ALWAYS FELT LOGY AND HAD A CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER! THEN ONE DAY, AS ALI WAS CHOPPIN' THINGS UP....

YA, HAH! HERE COME THE FORTY THIEVES! ONE THING NICE ABOUT BEIN' A POOR BUM, LIKE ME... NOBODY CAN STEAL NOTHIN' FROM YOU! HA, HO! ALI BARBER DON'T GOTTA WORRY ABOUT NO FORTY THIEVES!
HI-O
PALM TREE
SAHARA DESSERT
RUSS HEATH
GO-FER
4-N LEGION
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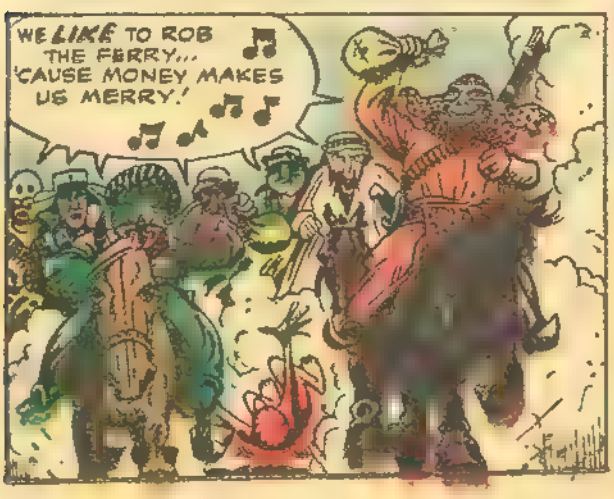
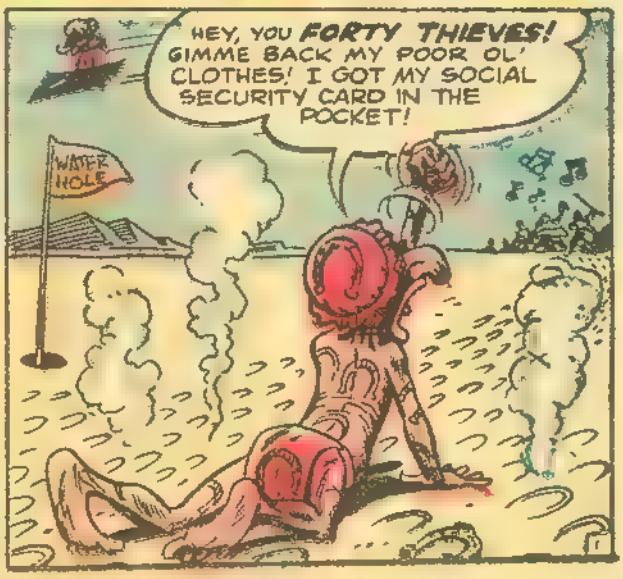
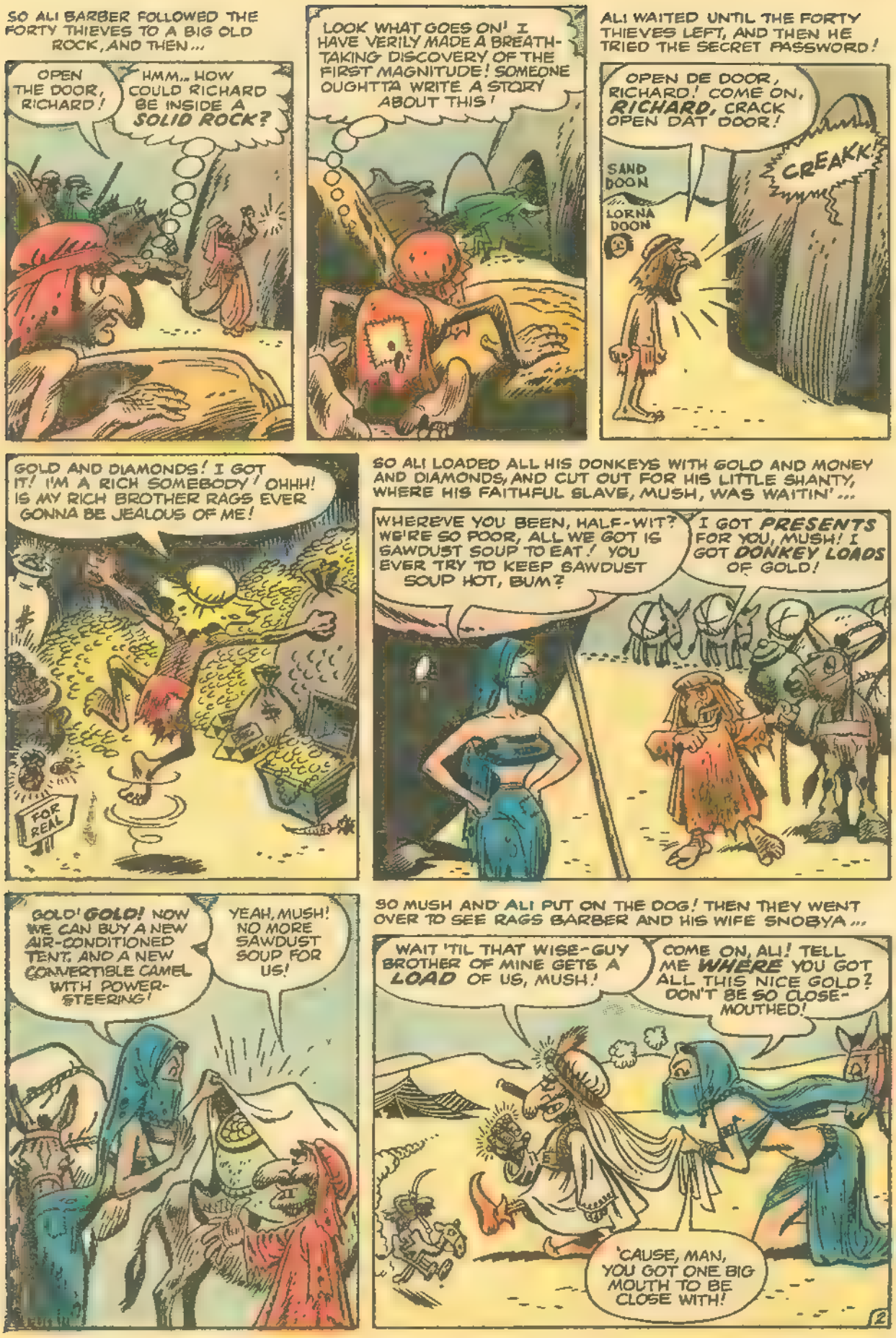
ALI WAS POOR, BUT HE WAS HONEST! THAT'S WHY IT WENT AGAINST HIS GRAIN WHEN HE SAW THE THIEVES WITH ALL THEIR LOOT! BUT HE JUST LAUGHED IT OFF...THEY COULDN'T ROB *HIM!*






SO ALI BARBER FOLLOWED THE FORTY THIEVES TO A BIG OLD ROCK, AND THEN...
OPEN THE DOOR, RICHARD!
HMM... HOW COULD RICHARD BE INSIDE A SOLID ROCK?
LOOK WHAT GOES ON! I HAVE VERILY MADE A BREATH-TAKING DISCOVERY OF THE FIRST MAGNITUDE! SOMEONE OUGHTTA WRITE A STORY ABOUT THIS!
ALI WAITED UNTIL THE FORTY THIEVES LEFT, AND THEN HE TRIED THE SECRET PASSWORD!
OPEN DE DOOR, RICHARD! COME ON, RICHARD, CRACK OPEN DAT DOOR!
SAND DOON
LORNA DOON
CREAKK!
GOLD AND DIAMONDS! I GOT IT! I'M A RICH SOMEBODY! OHHH! IS MY RICH BROTHER RAGS EVER GONNA BE JEALOUS OF ME!
FOR REAL
SO ALI LOADED ALL HIS DONKEYS WITH GOLD AND MONEY AND DIAMONDS, AND CUT OUT FOR HIS LITTLE SHANTY, WHERE HIS FAITHFUL SLAVE, MUSH, WAS WAITIN'...
WHEREVE YOU BEEN, HALF-WIT? WE'RE SO POOR, ALL WE GOT IS SAWDUST SOUP TO EAT! YOU EVER TRY TO KEEP SAWDUST SOUP HOT, BUM?
I GOT PRESENTS FOR YOU, MUSH! I GOT DONKEY LOADS OF GOLD!
GOLD! GOLD! NOW WE CAN BUY A NEW AIR-CONDITIONED TENT, AND A NEW CONVERTIBLE CAMEL WITH POWER-STEERING!
YEAH, MUSH! NO MORE SAWDUST SOUP FOR US!
SO MUSH AND ALI PUT ON THE DOG! THEN THEY WENT OVER TO SEE RAGS BARBER AND HIS WIFE SNOBYA...
WAIT 'TIL THAT WISE-GUY BROTHER OF MINE GETS A LOAD OF US, MUSH!
COME ON, ALI! TELL ME WHERE YOU GOT ALL THIS NICE GOLD? DON'T BE SO CLOSE-MOUTHED!
'CAUSE, MAN, YOU GOT ONE BIG MOUTH TO BE CLOSE WITH!
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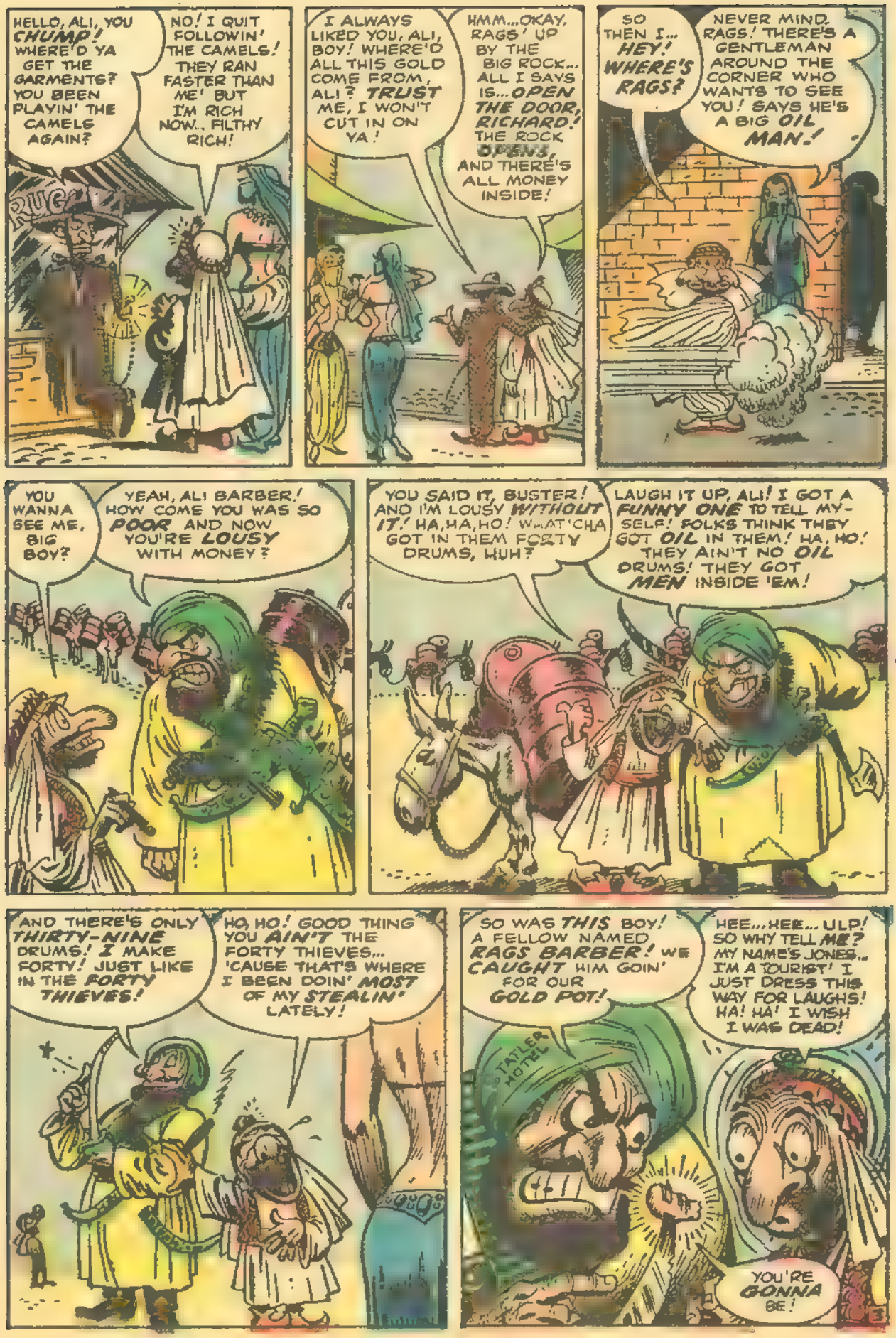
HELLO, ALI, YOU CHUMP! WHERE'D YA GET THE GARMENTS? YOU BEEN PLAYIN' THE CAMELS AGAIN?
NO! I QUIT FOLLOWIN' THE CAMELS! THEY RAN FASTER THAN ME! BUT I'M RICH NOW... FILTHY RICH!
I ALWAYS LIKED YOU, ALI, BOY! WHERE'D ALL THIS GOLD COME FROM, ALI? TRUST ME, I WON'T CUT IN ON YA!
HMM...OKAY, RAGS' UP BY THE BIG ROCK... ALL I SAYS IS... OPEN THE DOOR, RICHARD! THE ROCK OPENS, AND THERE'S ALL MONEY INSIDE!
SO THEN I... HEY! WHERE'S RAGS?
NEVER MIND, RAGS! THERE'S A GENTLEMAN AROUND THE CORNER WHO WANTS TO SEE YOU! SAYS HE'S A BIG OIL MAN!
YOU WANNA SEE ME, BIG BOY?
YEAH, ALI BARBER! HOW COME YOU WAS SO POOR AND NOW YOU'RE LOUSY WITH MONEY?
YOU SAID IT, BUSTER! AND I'M LOUSY WITHOUT IT! HA, HA, HO! WHAT'CHA GOT IN THEM FORTY DRUMS, HUH?
LAUGH IT UP, ALI! I GOT A FUNNY ONE TO TELL MYSELF! FOLKS THINK THEY GOT OIL IN THEM! HA, HO! THEY AIN'T NO OIL DRUMS! THEY GOT MEN INSIDE 'EM!
AND THERE'S ONLY THIRTY-NINE DRUMS! I MAKE FORTY! JUST LIKE IN THE FORTY THIEVES!
HO, HO! GOOD THING YOU AIN'T THE FORTY THIEVES... 'CAUSE THAT'S WHERE I BEEN DOIN' MOST OF MY STEALIN' LATELY!
SO WAS THIS BOY! A FELLOW NAMED RAGS BARBER! WE CAUGHT HIM GOIN' FOR OUR GOLD POT!
HEE... HEE... ULP! SO WHY TELL ME? MY NAME'S JONES... I'M A TOURIST! I JUST DRESS THIS WAY FOR LAUGHS! HA! HA! I WISH I WAS DEAD!
TATLER HOTEL
YOU'RE GONNA BE!
3

CHARGE! GET ALI BARBER! HE STEALS MONEY!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
IT'S OUR MONEY!
I'LL GIVE IT BACK! I WAS ONLY FOOLIN' ...HAALP!
YOU DIE, DOG! YOU KNOW THE MAGIC WORDS... OPEN THE DOOR, RICHARD! SOON YOU WILL BE A POOR, DEAD WOODCUTTER!
I'LL GIVE IT ALL BACK! PLEASE! I JUST WANNA BE POOR AGIN!
TAKE IT EASY, BIG BOY! PUT THAT PENKNIFE AWAY!
HONEY LAMB! I KNEW YOU'D RESCUE ME! YOU'RE A GOOD SLAVE! BUT LET'S GET LOST! QUICK! HIS MEN WILL BE AFTER US!
I JUST GAVE THE FORTY THIEVES FORTY LUMPS! I SAVED YOUR LIFE, ALI!
THANX! MUSH, GOOD SLAVE, FOR THAT I'M GONNA SET YOU FREE!
YOU CAN'T FREE ME! I QUIT! I'M DOIN' MY SLAVIN' FOR ANOTHER GUY... FELLA CALLED RICHARD! LIVES INSIDE THE BIG ROCK!
SO MUSH AND RICHARD WERE WED! NOW, WHEN ANYONE UPS TO THE ROCK AND SAYS, "OPEN THE DOOR, RICHARD" MUSH LETS THEM IN!
YOU WANT GOLD? HAVE SOME! HOW'S ZAT, RICHARD?
BLONK!
YOU'RE BATTIN' A THOUSAND, MUSH! THIS SURE DOES BEAT OPENIN' THAT DOOR, ALL THE TIME! AND THINK OF THE DOUGH WE'RE SAVIN'!
14K
14K
THE END
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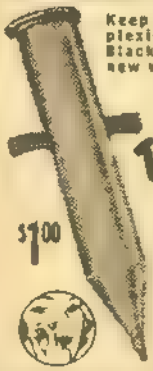

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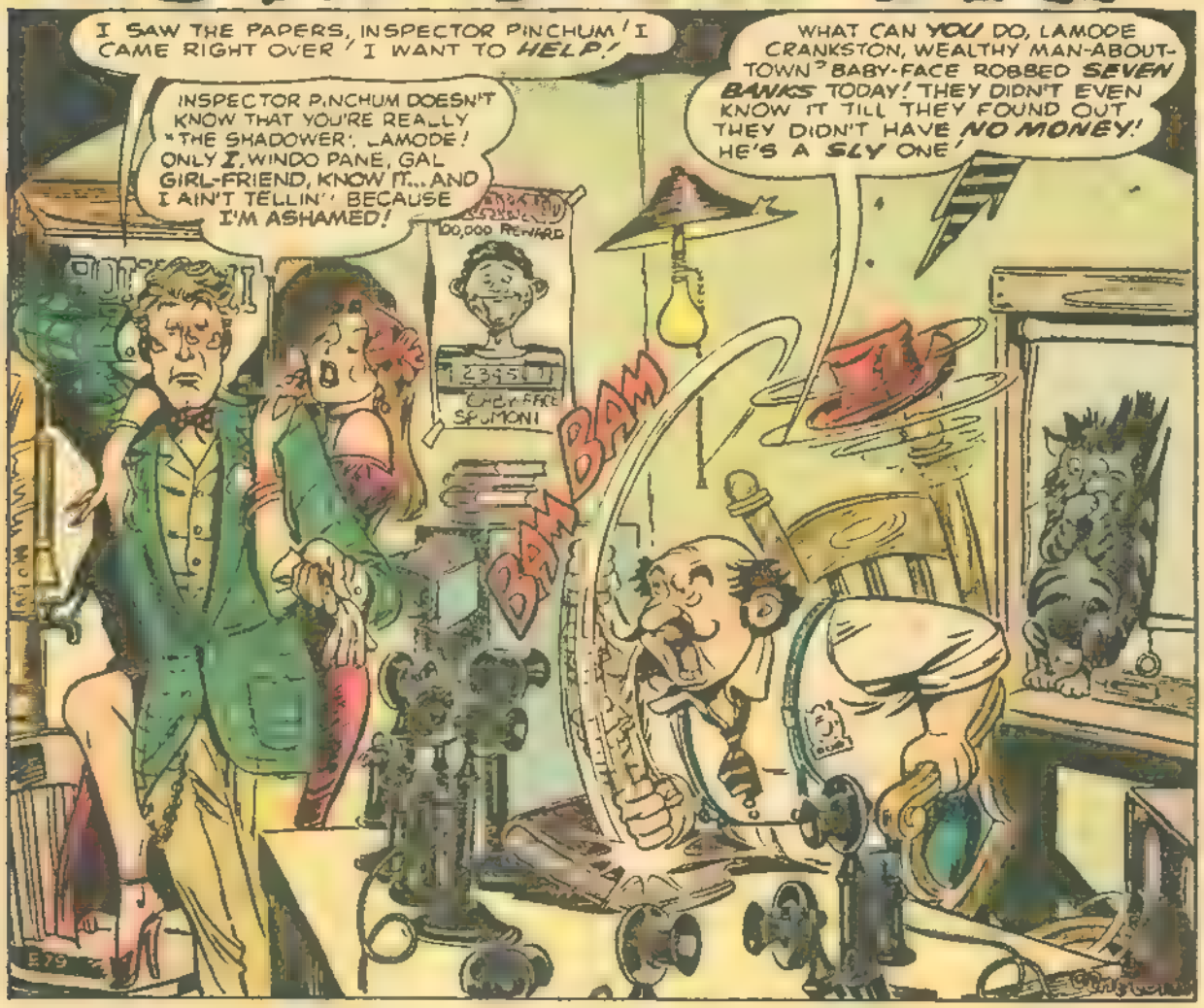
THE SHADOWER!


I SAW THE PAPERS, INSPECTOR PINCHUM! I CAME RIGHT OVER! I WANT TO HELP!
INSPECTOR PINCHUM DOESN'T KNOW THAT YOU'RE REALLY "THE SHADOWER", LAMODE! ONLY I, WINDO PANE, GAL GIRL-FRIEND, KNOW IT... AND I AIN'T TELLIN'! BECAUSE I'M ASHAMED!
WHAT CAN YOU DO, LAMODE CRANKSTON, WEALTHY MAN-ABOUT-TOWN? BABY-FACE ROBBED SEVEN BANKS TODAY! THEY DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT TILL THEY FOUND OUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE NO MONEY! HE'S A SLY ONE!
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BAM BAM
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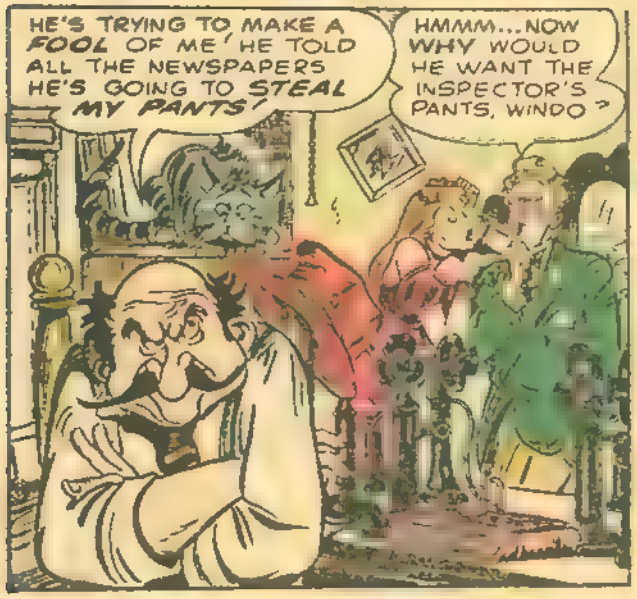
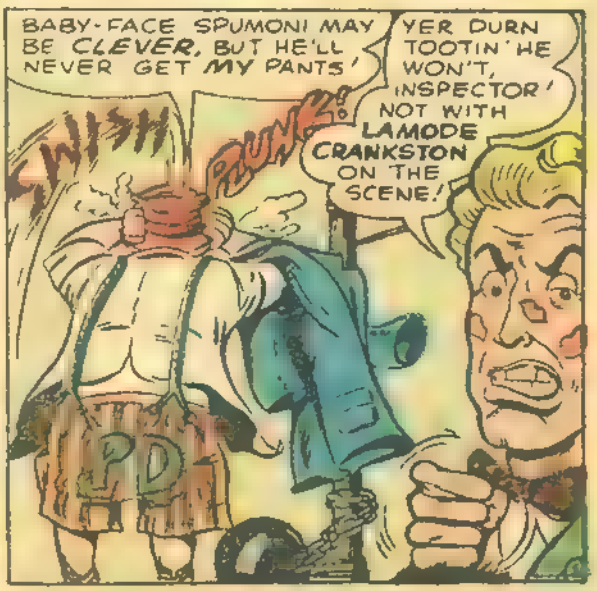
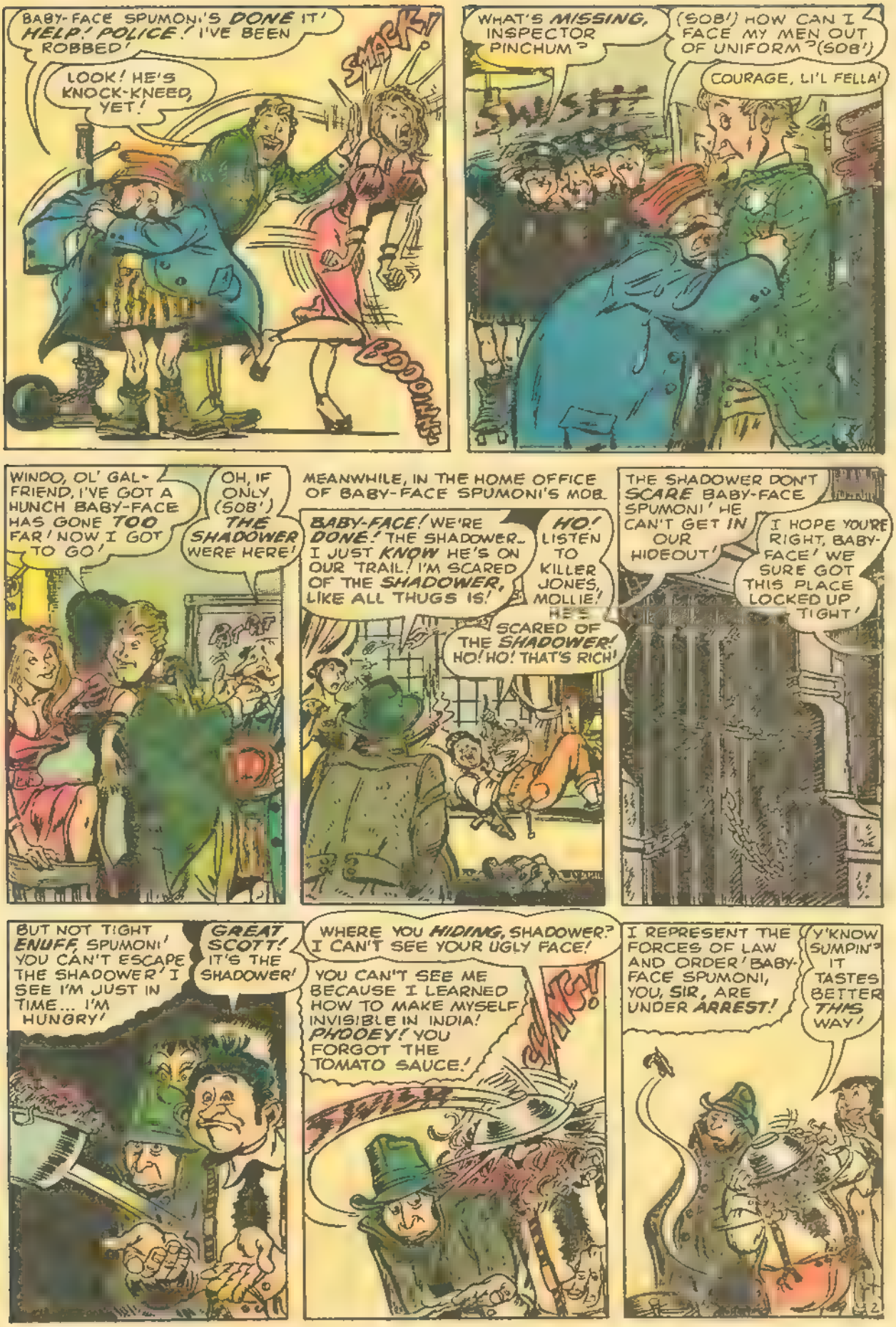

HE'S TRYING TO MAKE A FOOL OF ME! HE TOLD ALL THE NEWSPAPERS HE'S GOING TO STEAL MY PANTS!
HMMM...NOW WHY WOULD HE WANT THE INSPECTOR'S PANTS, WINDO?


BABY-FACE SPUMONI MAY BE CLEVER, BUT HE'LL NEVER GET MY PANTS!
YER DURN TOOTIN' HE WON'T, INSPECTOR! NOT WITH LAMODE CRANKSTON ON THE SCENE!
SWISH
PLUNK!
PD


BABY-FACE SPUMONI'S DONE IT! HELP! POLICE! I'VE BEEN ROBBED!
LOOK! HE'S KNOCK-KNEED, YET!
SMACK!
BOOOINNG
WHAT'S MISSING, INSPECTOR PINCHUM?
(SOB!) HOW CAN I FACE MY MEN OUT OF UNIFORM? (SOB!)
COURAGE, LI'L FELLA!
SWISH!
WINDO, OL' GAL-FRIEND, I'VE GOT A HUNCH BABY-FACE HAS GONE TOO FAR! NOW I GOT TO GO!
OH, IF ONLY (SOB!) THE SHADOWER WERE HERE!
MEANWHILE, IN THE HOME OFFICE OF BABY-FACE SPUMONI'S MOB.
BABY-FACE! WE'RE DONE! THE SHADOWER.. I JUST KNOW HE'S ON OUR TRAIL! I'M SCARED OF THE SHADOWER, LIKE ALL THUGS IS!
HO! LISTEN TO KILLER JONES, MOLLIE! HE'S SCARED OF THE SHADOWER! HO! HO! THAT'S RICH!
THE SHADOWER DON'T SCARE BABY-FACE SPUMONI! HE CAN'T GET IN OUR HIDEOUT!
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, BABY-FACE! WE SURE GOT THIS PLACE LOCKED UP TIGHT!
BUT NOT TIGHT ENUFF, SPUMONI! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THE SHADOWER! I SEE I'M JUST IN TIME... I'M HUNGRY!
GREAT SCOTT! IT'S THE SHADOWER!
WHERE YOU HIDING, SHADOWER? I CAN'T SEE YOUR UGLY FACE!
YOU CAN'T SEE ME BECAUSE I LEARNED HOW TO MAKE MYSELF INVISIBLE IN INDIA! PHOOEY! YOU FORGOT THE TOMATO SAUCE!
SPLAT!
SWISH!
I REPRESENT THE FORCES OF LAW AND ORDER! BABY-FACE SPUMONI, YOU, SIR, ARE UNDER ARREST!
Y'KNOW SUMPIN'? IT TASTES BETTER THIS WAY!
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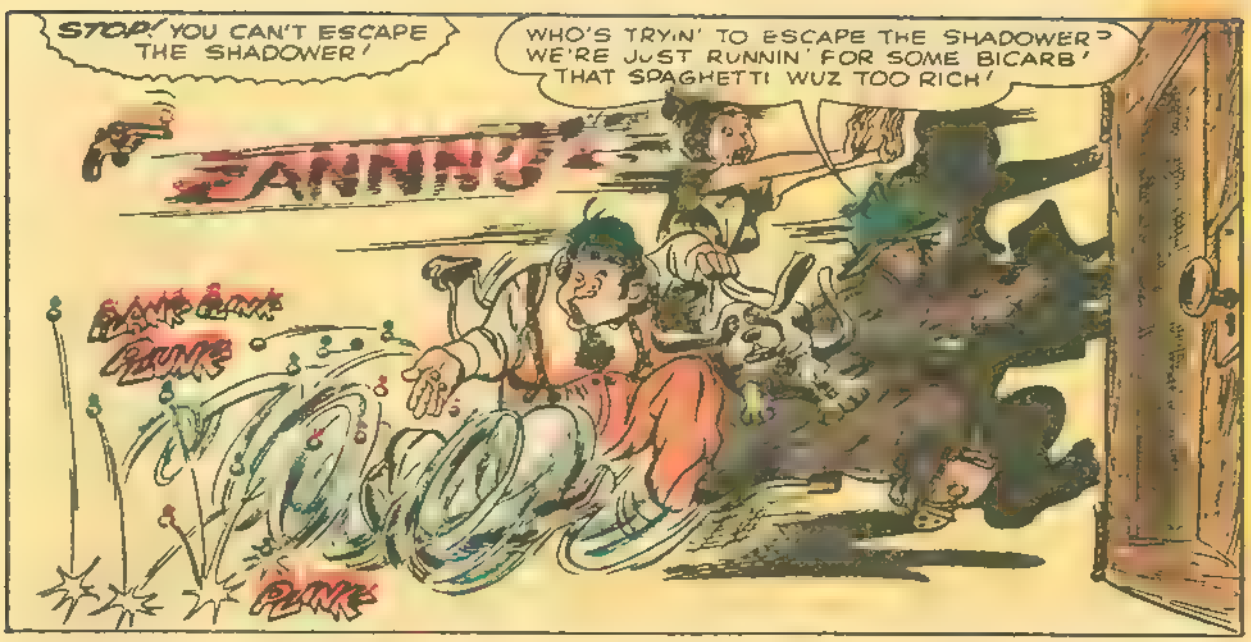
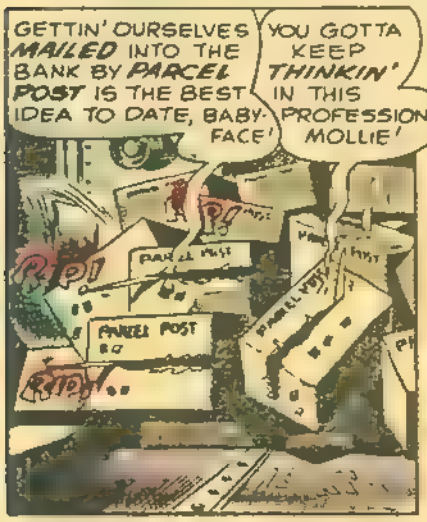
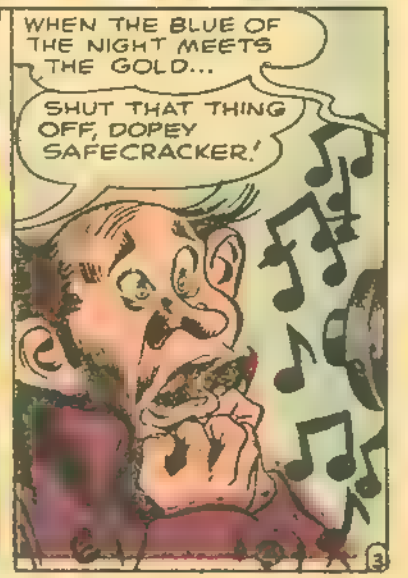

STOP! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THE SHADOWER!
WHO'S TRYIN' TO ESCAPE THE SHADOWER? WE'RE JUST RUNNIN' FOR SOME BICARB! THAT SPAGHETTI WUZ TOO RICH!
ANNNG
PLINK PLINK PLINK
PLINK

UNBEKNOWN TO THE SHADOWER, WINDO PANE, GIRL-FRIEND, HAD FOLLOWED HIM TO BABY-FACE SPUMONI'S HIDEOUT! FRANTIC WITH WORRY, SHE CRASHES INTO THE ROOM...

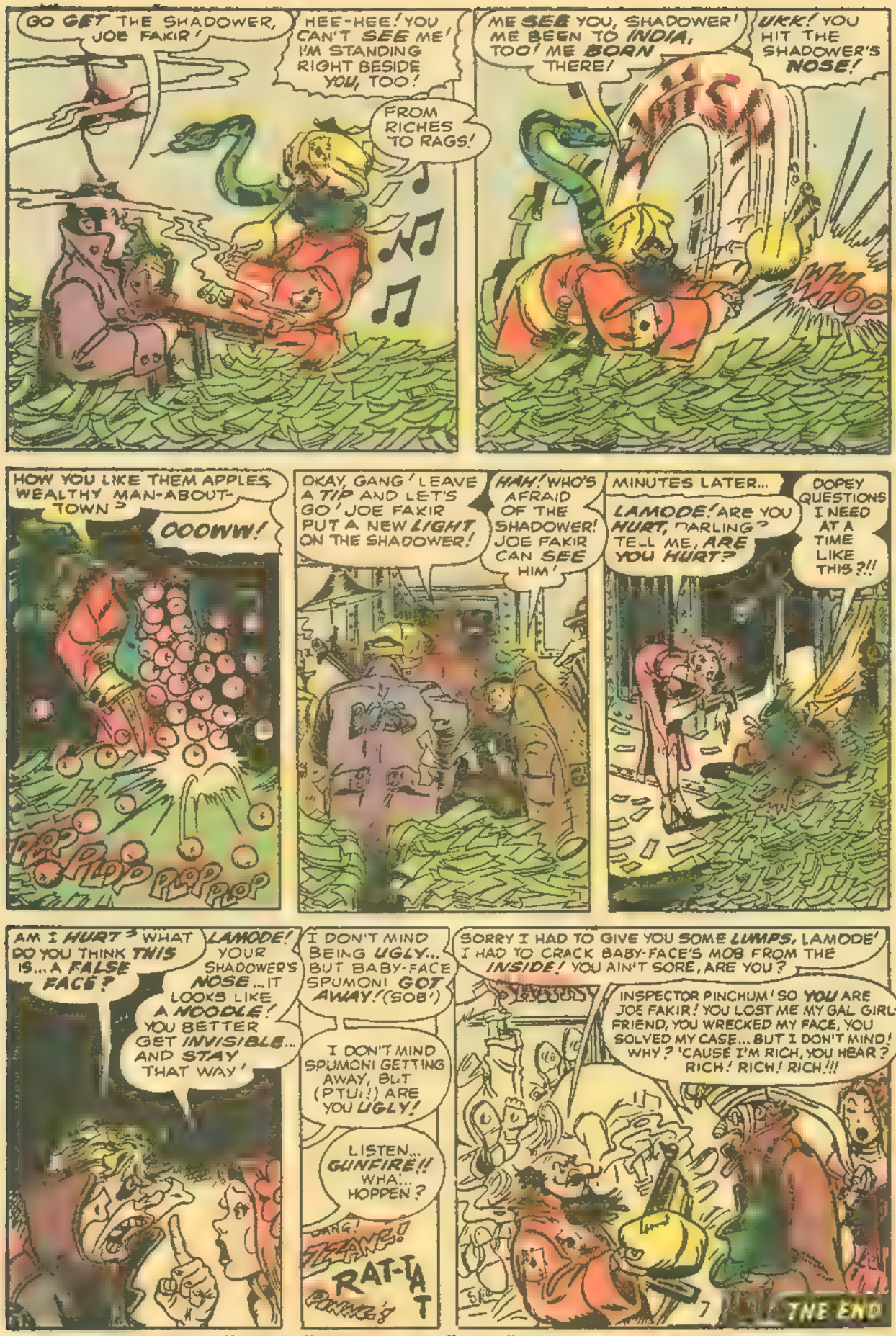
HOW I GONNA BE A BIG WEALTHY MAN-ABOUT-TOWN WIF A EYE LIKE THIS ONE YOU JUST GIMME, WINDO PANE, GIRL-FRIEND?
I HATE MYSELF, LAMODE! BUT I KNOW WHAT BABY-FACE'S NEXT BIG JOB IS!

THAT NIGHT, AT THE GOLD PLATE NATIONAL BANK...


GETTIN' OURSELVES MAILED INTO THE BANK BY PARCEL POST IS THE BEST IDEA TO DATE, BABY-FACE!
YOU GOTTA KEEP THINKIN' IN THIS PROFESSION, MOLLIE!
PARCEL POST
RIP!..



OKAY, BOYS! START SINGIN' TO COVER UP THE NOISE!
AIN'T NOBODY HERE, BUT US CH'CKENS, BOSS .. AIN'T NOBODY HERE AT ALL! BO... DOUGH.. DEE .. OHH. . RADDLEY... SCAT.. MOP.. MOP...
KA-BLOOOM!
MM, BOY, WHAT A JOB! WHEN EARS BLOWS UP A SAFE, EARS BLOWS UP A SAFE!
YOU SURE BLEW THIS ONE, YOU MEAT-HEAD! YOU BLEW UP ALL THE MONEY, TOO!
WELL, YOU LOST THE BIG MONEY, BUT NOBODY LEAVES HERE BROKE! WHO IS BURIED IN GRANT'S TOMB?
LEE? JACKSON? CUSTER? NAPOLEON? HANNIBAL? WE GIVE UP!
I THOUGHT YOU'D GIVE UP. DROP YOUR GUNS AND WALK OUT PEACEFULLY! WHO KNOWS WHAT EVIL... YIPE!
I'LL GET YOU, SHADOWER. I'LL GET YOU IF I HAVE TO USE MY ACE IN THE HOLE!
IT'S THE SHADOWER!!!
POW
ZANG
WHO'D YA EXPECT... GODFREY?!
TRICKS WON'T HELP YOU, MY FRIEND! I BEEN TO INDIA! I GOT THE SECRET OF INVISIBILITY! I GOT YOUR MIND ALL CLOUDED!
COME IN, JOE FAKIR FROM INDIA! COME IN, ACE IN THE HOLE!


GO GET THE SHADOWER, JOE FAKIR!
HEE-HEE! YOU CAN'T SEE ME! I'M STANDING RIGHT BESIDE YOU, TOO!
FROM RICHES TO RAGS!
ME SEE YOU, SHADOWER! ME BEEN TO INDIA, TOO! ME BORN THERE!
URK! YOU HIT THE SHADOWER'S NOSE!
WHOP
HOW YOU LIKE THEM APPLES, WEALTHY MAN-ABOUT-TOWN?
OOOWW!
PLOP PLOP PLOP PLOP
OKAY, GANG! LEAVE A TIP AND LET'S GO! JOE FAKIR PUT A NEW LIGHT ON THE SHADOWER!
HAH! WHO'S AFRAID OF THE SHADOWER! JOE FAKIR CAN SEE HIM!
MINUTES LATER...
LAMODE! ARE YOU HURT, DARLING? TELL ME, ARE YOU HURT?
DOPEY QUESTIONS I NEED AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!!
AM I HURT? WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS... A FALSE FACE?
LAMODE! YOUR SHADOWER'S NOSE... IT LOOKS LIKE A NOODLE! YOU BETTER GET INVISIBLE... AND STAY THAT WAY!
I DON'T MIND BEING UGLY... BUT BABY-FACE SPUMONI GOT AWAY! (SOB!)
I DON'T MIND SPUMONI GETTING AWAY, BUT (PTUI!) ARE YOU UGLY!
LISTEN... GUNFIRE!! WHA... HOPPEN?
BANG! CLANG! RAT-TA-T PUNNG!
SORRY I HAD TO GIVE YOU SOME LUMPS, LAMODE! I HAD TO CRACK BABY-FACE'S MOB FROM THE INSIDE! YOU AIN'T SORE, ARE YOU?
INSPECTOR PINCHUM! SO YOU ARE JOE FAKIR! YOU LOST ME MY GAL GIRL-FRIEND, YOU WRECKED MY FACE, YOU SOLVED MY CASE... BUT I DON'T MIND! WHY? 'CAUSE I'M RICH, YOU HEAR? RICH! RICH! RICH!!!
THE END

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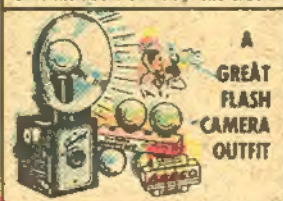

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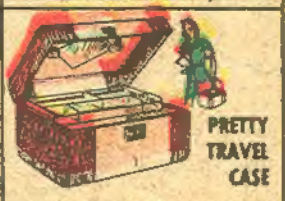

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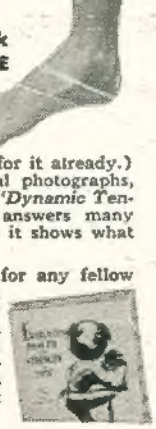

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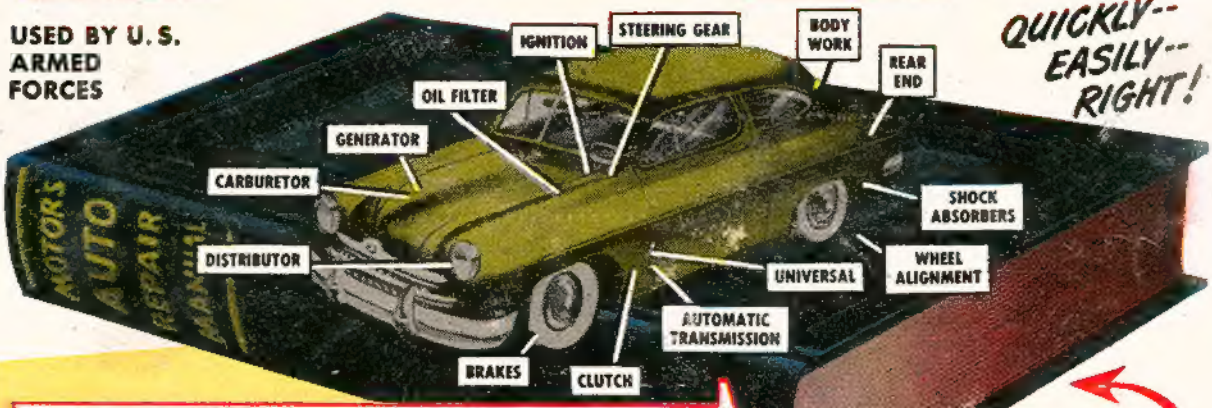

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